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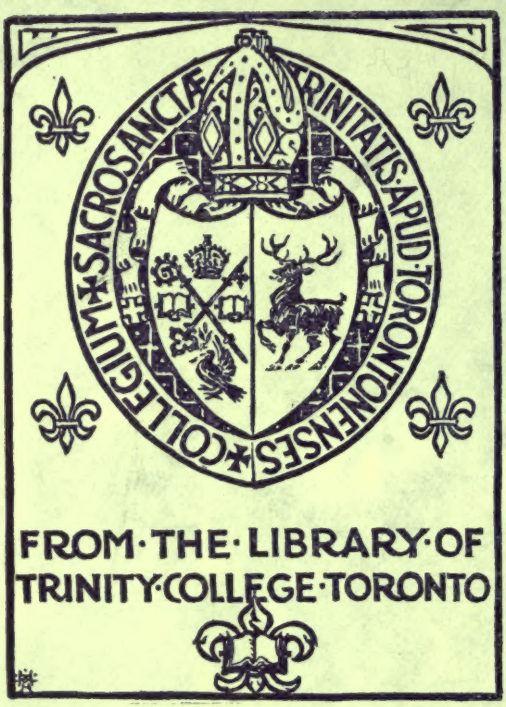

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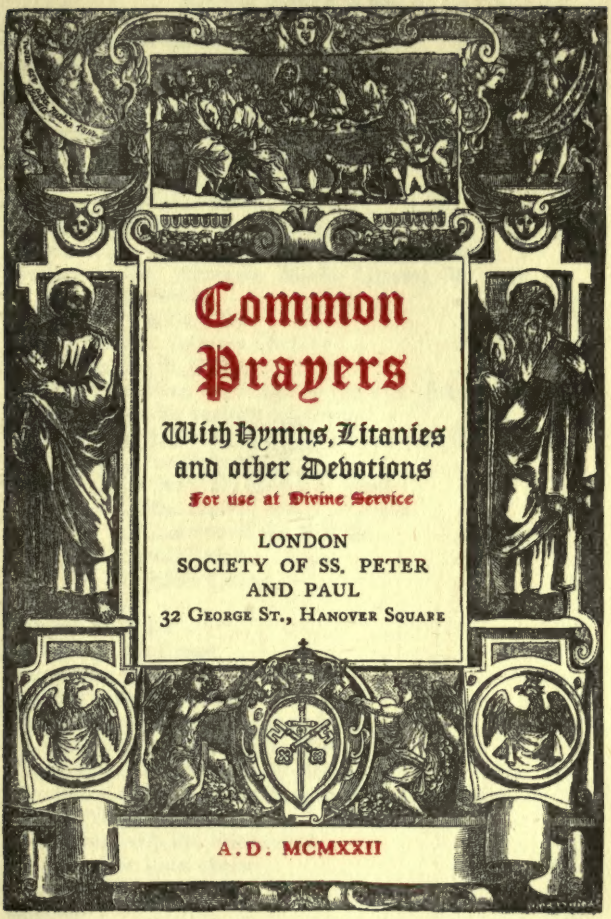

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REMEMBER, CHRISTIAN SOUL

That thou hast this day and every day of thy life

God to glorify.
Jesus to imitate.
The Angels and Saints to invoke.
A soul to save.
A body to mortify.
Sins to repent of.
Virtues to acquire.
Hell to avoid.
Heaven to gain.
Eternity to prepare for.
Time to profit by.
Neighbours to edify.
The world to despise.
Devils to combat.
Passions to subdue.
Death, perhaps, to suffer.
And judgment to undergo.

PREPARATION FOR MASS

Antiphon. Remember not, * Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers : neither take thou vengeance of our sins.

And this Antiphon is said in full upon double feasts: and in Eastertide is added Alleluia.

Ps. 84.

QUAM DILECTA.

O HOW amiable are thy dwellings, * thou Lord of hosts!

My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord : * my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young : * even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house ; * they will be alway praising thee.

Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee, * in whose heart are thy ways,

Who going through the vale of misery use it for a well, * and the pools are filled with water :

They will go from strength to strength ; * and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Sion.

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer : * hearken, O God of Jacob.

Behold, O God, our defender : * and look upon the face of thine Anointed :

For one day in thy courts * is better than a thousand.

I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God,* than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness.

For the Lord God is a light and defence ; * the Lord will give grace and worship, and no good thing shall he withhold from them that live a godly life.

O Lord God of hosts,* blessed is the man that putteth his trust in thee.

Glory be to the Father.

Ps. 85.

BENEDIXISTI, DOMINE.

LORD, thou art become gracious unto thy land : * thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob.

Thou hast forgiven the offence of thy people ; * and covered all their sins.

Thou hast taken away all thy displeasure ; * and turned thyself from thy wrathful indignation.

Turn us then, O God our Saviour ; * and let thine anger cease from us.

Wilt thou be displeased at us for ever ? * and wilt thou stretch out thy wrath from one generation to another ?

Wilt thou not turn again, and quicken us, * that thy people may rejoice in thee ?

Shew us thy mercy, O Lord ; * and grant us thy salvation.

I will hearken what the Lord God will say concerning me : * for he shall speak peace unto his

people, and to his saints, that they turn not again.

For his salvation is nigh them that fear him : * that glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth are met together : * righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Truth shall flourish out of the earth : * and righteousness hath looked down from heaven.

Yea, the Lord shall shew loving-kindness : * and our land shall give her increase.

Righteousness shall go before him : * and he shall direct his going in the way.

Glory be to the Father.

Ps. 86.

INCLINA, DOMINE.

BOW down thine ear, O Lord, and hear me ; * for I am poor, and in misery.

Preserve thou my soul, for I am holy : * my God, save thy servant that putteth his trust in thee.

Be merciful unto me, O Lord, * for I will call daily upon thee.

Comfort the soul of thy servant, * for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

For thou, Lord, art good and gracious : * and of great mercy unto all them that call upon thee.

Give ear, Lord, unto my prayer : * and ponder the voice of my humble desires.

In the time of my trouble I will call upon thee : * for thou hearest me.

Among the gods there is none like unto thee, O Lord : * there is not one that can do as thou doest.

All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship thee, O Lord, * and shall glorify thy Name.

For thou art great and doest wondrous things : * thou art God alone.

Teach me thy way, O Lord, that I may walk in thy truth : * O knit my heart unto thee, that I may fear thy Name.

I will thank thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart, * and will praise thy Name for evermore :

For great is thy mercy toward me : * and thou hast delivered my soul from the nethermost hell.

O God, the proud are risen against me, * and the congregations of naughty men have sought after my soul, and have not set thee before their eyes.

But thou, O Lord God, art full of compassion and mercy, * long-suffering, plenteous in goodness and truth.

O turn thee then unto me, and have mercy upon me, * give thy strength unto thy servant, and help the son of thine handmaid.

Shew some token upon me for good, that they who hate me may see it, and be ashamed : * because thou, Lord, hast holpen me and comforted me.

Glory be to the Father.

Ps. 116, *v.* 10.

CREDIDI.

I BELIEVED, and therefore will I speak; but I was sore troubled ; * I said in my haste : All men are liars.

What reward shall I give unto the Lord * for all the benefits that he hath done unto me ?

I will receive the cup of salvation : * and call upon the Name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows now in the presence of all his

people : * right dear in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.

Behold, O Lord, how that I am thy servant, * I am thy servant, and the son of thine handmaid. Thou hast broken my bonds in sunder ;

I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, * and will call upon the Name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows unto the Lord in the sight of all his people : * in the courts of the Lord's house, even in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord.

Glory be to the Father.

Ps. 130.

DE PROFUNDIS.

OUT of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord : * Lord, hear my voice :

O let thine ears consider well * the voice of my complaint.

If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss : * O Lord, who may abide it ?

For there is mercy with thee : * therefore shalt thou be feared.

I look for the Lord ; my soul doth wait for him ; * in his word is my trust ;

My soul fleeth unto the Lord * before the morning watch, I say, before the morning watch.

O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy, * and with him is plenteous redemption.

And he shall redeem Israel * from all his sins.

Glory be to the Father.

Antiphon. Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers : neither take thou vengeance of our sins.

In Eastertide Alleluia *is added.*

Then is said :

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Our Father.

℣. And lead us not into temptation. ℟. But deliver us from evil.

℣. I said: Lord be merciful unto me. ℟. Heal my soul, for I have sinned against thee.

℣. Turn thee again, O Lord, at the last. ℟. And be gracious unto thy servants.

℣. Let thy mercy, O Lord, be shewed upon us. ℟. As we do put our trust in thee.

℣. Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness. ℟. And thy saints sing with joyfulness.

℣. Cleanse thou me, O Lord, from my secret faults. ℟. And keep thy servant from presumptuous sins.

℣. Lord, hear my prayer. ℟. And let my cry come unto thee.

℣. The Lord be with you. ℟. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

MOST gracious God, we beseech thee mercifully to incline thine ear unto our prayers : that our hearts being enlightened by the grace of thy Holy Spirit, we may duly serve thee in these sacred mysteries and be found worthy to cleave stedfastly unto thy love.

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid : cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name.

Grant, O Lord, we pray thee, that the fire of thy Holy Spirit may in such wise cleanse our reins and our hearts: that we serving thee in pureness both of body and soul may be found an acceptable people in thy sight.

We beseech thee, O Lord, that the Comforter which proceedeth from thee may enlighten our minds: and lead us, as thy Son hath promised, into all truth.

Assist us mercifully, O Lord, with the might of thy Holy Spirit: that by the gracious operation of the same we may be purified inwardly from all our iniquities and continually defended against all adversities.

God, who didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people, by the sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit: grant us by the same spirit to have a right judgment in all things; and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort.

O Lord, we pray thee that the visitation of thy grace may in such wise cleanse our conscience from all sin: that thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, when he cometh unto us may find therein a mansion prepared for himself: Who liveth and reigneth.

The Prayers that follow may be said, according to opportunity, before Mass and Holy Communion.

PRAYERS OF ST. AMBROSE.

Sunday.

O LORD Jesu Christ, who art the true High Priest and Bishop of our souls, who didst upon the altar of the Cross offer thyself to God the Father to be a pure and undefiled sacrifice for us miserable sinners; who hast likewise given us thy

Flesh to eat and thy Blood to drink, and hast established this mystery in the power of the Holy Ghost, saying: Do this in remembrance of me; I beseech thee by the same thy precious Blood, the ransom of our salvation, I beseech thee by that wondrous and ineffable love wherewith thou hast vouchsafed to love us miserable and unworthy sinners, washing us clean from all our sins in thine own Blood: teach me, thy unworthy servant, whom among thy manifold mercies thou hast vouchsafed to call to the office of Priesthood through no merits of my own, but only of thine abundant mercy; teach me, I pray thee, by thy Holy Spirit to draw near to so great a mystery, as is meet and right, with reverence and honour, and in all godliness and fear. Make me by thy grace always so to believe and understand, to feel and firmly to hold, to speak and to think concerning this holy Mystery as shall be well pleasing to thee and profitable to my soul. Let thy good Spirit enter into my heart, that with voiceless utterance and without sound of words he may speak there all thy truth, that passes man's understanding, hidden beneath the veil of holiness. Of thy great mercy vouchsafe to me to celebrate this holy mystery in purity of heart and integrity of mind. Deliver my heart from all unclean and evil thoughts, from all enmity and hurtful things. Defend me with the gracious and unfailing guard of thy holy Angels, that by their mighty protection the enemies of good may be banished thence. By the power of this great mystery and by the hands of thy holy Angel, drive far from me and from all thy servants the spirit of hardness of heart, the spirit of pride and vainglory, the spirit of envy and blasphemy, the spirit

of fornication and uncleanness, the spirit of doubt and unfaithfulness. Confound them that persecute us, destroy them that make haste to destroy us.

Monday.

O KING of virgins, Lover of chastity and purity, pour on me the heavenly dew of thy blessing, to quench in my body the taint of burning lust, that I may abide in continual chastity both of body and soul. Mortify in my members all the stings of the flesh, all inordinate affections, and all lustful motions, giving unto me true and abiding chastity and all other gifts that truly please thee; that I may offer unto thee this sacrifice of praise in purity of body and cleanness of heart. For what man can understand with what sorrow of heart, with what a fountain of tears, with what reverence and fear, with what chastity of body and purity of heart he should draw near to celebrate that divine and heavenly sacrifice, wherein thy Flesh is eaten indeed and thy Blood is drunk indeed, where things beneath and things above, things earthly and things heavenly are made one, where are thy holy Angels ever present, where in a wonderful and ineffable order thou hast constituted thyself to be both Sacrifice and Priest.

Tuesday.

WHAT man can worthily celebrate this Sacrifice, unless thou, Almighty God, dost make worthy him that offers it? I know, O Lord, and know of a surety, and to thy goodness do I confess the same, that I am not worthy to draw near to so great a mystery because of my grievous sins and my manifold negligences. But I know,

and truly believe with all my heart, and confess with my mouth, that thou canst make me worthy, who alone canst make clean them that are conceived in uncleanness, who alone canst justify and sanctify sinners. O my God, I pray thee, by this thy almighty power, that thou wouldst vouchsafe to me a sinner, to celebrate this sacrifice with fear and trembling, with purity of heart and a fountain of tears, with spiritual gladness and heavenly rejoicing. Grant that my soul may feel the sweetness of thy blessed presence, and the guard of thy holy Angels round about me.

Wednesday.

FOR I, O Lord, having in devout remembrance thy holy passion, draw near unto thy altar, although a sinner, to offer unto thee the sacrifice which thou hast instituted and commanded us to offer in memory of thee for our salvation. I beseech thee, Almighty God, that thou wouldest receive the same for the benefit of thy holy Church, and the people which thou hast purchased with thine own Blood. And forasmuch as thou hast vouchsafed to set me, a sinner, to be a mediator between thee and the same thy people, I pray thee, that, though thou findest not in me the testimony of good works, yet thou wouldest not make void the office and ministry which thou hast committed unto my charge: that the price of their redemption, for whom thou hast vouchsafed to offer thyself to be a perfect oblation and satisfaction, be not lost through my unworthiness. And moreover, O Lord, I offer (if thou wilt vouchsafe to look favourably thereon) the tribulations of all peoples, the danger

of all nations, the sighing of all prisoners, the sorrow of the fatherless, the labours of them that travel, the want of the sick, the despair of them that languish: all old men that are failing, all young men longing after thee, the vows of all virgins, and the lamentations of all widows.

Thursday.

FOR thou, O Lord, hast mercy upon all men and hatest nothing that thou hast made. Remember how short our time is: for that thou art our Father, for that thou art our God, be not angry with us as we have deserved, and restrain not the bowels of thy mercy towards us: for we do not present our supplications before thee for our own righteousness, but for thy great mercies. Take away from us our iniquities, and in thy mercy kindle in us the fire of thy Holy Spirit. Take the stony heart out of our flesh, and give us an heart of flesh, that we may love and cherish thee, delight in thee, follow thee and enjoy thee. We beseech thee, O Lord, of thy mercy, to shew the light of thy countenance upon thy family performing this sacred office, to the honour of thy Name : and to the intent that their supplications be not in vain, nor their petitions of none effect, do thou put into our minds such prayers as it shall be well-pleasing unto thee to hear and to fulfil.

Friday.

WE pray thee also, O Lord holy Father, for the souls of the faithful departed: that this most comfortable sacrament may be to them salvation, health, rejoicing, and refreshment. O

Lord, my God, grant unto them this day to feast abundantly on thee, the Living Bread, who didst come down from heaven, and givest life unto the world. Grant them to eat thy Flesh, holy and blessed, who art the immaculate Lamb that takest away the sins of the world; even that Flesh which thou didst take of the womb, holy and glorious, of the blessed Virgin Mary, by the operation of the Holy Ghost: grant them to drink of that fountain of love which flowed from thy sacred side, pierced by the soldier's spear: that being thereby refreshed and satisfied, restored and comforted, they may rejoice in giving praise and glory unto thee. I pray thee, O Lord, of thy mercy, that thou wouldest send upon the bread now to be offered unto thee, the fulness of thy blessing and the sanctifying powers of thy Godhead: send down also, O Lord, the unseen and incomprehensible majesty of thy Holy Spirit, as once thou didst send the same upon the sacrifice of the fathers: that he may make our oblations to be indeed thy Body and Blood, and teach me, an unworthy priest, to approach this holy mystery with purity of heart and devout sorrow for my sins, in reverence and fear: so shalt thou lovingly and graciously accept this sacrifice at my hands for the salvation of all men, both living and departed.

Saturday.

I BESEECH thee also, O Lord, by the same sacred mystery of thy Body and Blood, whereby, in thy holy church, we are daily given to eat and drink, are washed and sanctified, and made partakers in thy one Almighty Godhead; grant to me thy holy virtues, that being filled therewith, I may

draw near unto thine altar with a good conscience; that so this heavenly sacrament may be unto me life and salvation. For thou, who art ever holy and blessed, hast said: The bread which I will give is my flesh for the life of the world: I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever. O bread of sweetness, give healing to my taste, that I may perceive the delights of thy love. Heal me from all faintness, that I may perceive no sweetness save in thee. O bread of purest whiteness, who containest all delights, and all pleasant savours, who dost ever refresh us, and never failest, grant that my heart may feed on thee, and that the bowels of my soul may be filled with the sweetness of thy savour. On thee do Angels feed in all thy fulness. Grant that I, a pilgrim and a sojourner, may feed on thee in such measure as I may, that I fail not in my journey, with such provision to stay me. O bread holy, pure, and living, who didst come down from heaven and givest life unto the world, come into my heart, and cleanse me from all defilement both of flesh and of spirit. Enter into my soul, heal and cleanse me both outwardly and inwardly. Be the protection and abiding health both of my body and of my soul. Drive far from me all the enemies that lie in wait for me: grant that they may fly far off from the presence of thy power: that being in all things defended by thee, I may walk in a straight way into thy Kingdom: where we shall no more behold thee in a mystery as in this present time, but shall see thee face to face, when thou shalt deliver up the kingdom to God the Father, and God shall be all in all. For on that day shalt thou satisfy me with a wondrous fulness, so that I shall no more hunger

or thirst for ever: Who with the same God the Father and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, world without end. Amen.

ANOTHER PRAYER OF ST. AMBROSE.

O MOST loving Lord Jesu Christ, I a sinner, trusting not in my own righteousness but in thy goodness and mercy, draw near to the table of thy most comfortable feast, in fear and trembling. My heart and body are defiled by many sins; my mind and tongue have not been guarded from evil. Therefore, O God of love, awful in thy majesty, in the straits of my misery I fly unto thee, the fountain of all mercy, I hasten unto thee for healing, I flee to thy protection: and since I may not stand before thy judgment, I yearn to have thee for my Saviour. In thy sight, O Lord, I lay bare my bruises and uncover my shame. I know my sins to be many and grievous, and therefore I am afraid: I put my trust in thy mercies, for the sum of them cannot be numbered. Look upon me, therefore, O Lord Jesu Christ, King eternal, God and man, crucified for man, with the eyes of thy mercy. Hearken unto me; for I put my trust in thee: have mercy upon me, who am full of misery and sin, O thou unfailing fountain of mercy. Hail, saving Victim, offered for me and all mankind upon the shameful Cross. Hail, O noble and precious Blood, flowing from the wounds of Jesus Christ, my Lord, crucified for me, to wash away the sins of the whole world. Remember, O Lord, thy creature, whom thou hast redeemed with thy Blood. I repent me of my sins, I desire to amend what I have done amiss. I beseech thee, therefore, most

merciful Father, take away from me all my sins and iniquities; that being purified both in body and soul, I may worthily receive these most holy mysteries: and grant that as now in my unworthiness I purpose to be a partaker of thy Body and Blood, so I may thereby obtain remission of my sins, and full delivery from my guilt: that all evil thoughts may be banished from me, and all good affections be born again within me: that all such works as are pleasing to thee may effectually be accomplished in me, to my protection both in body and soul against all the assaults of my enemies.

PRAYER OF ST. THOMAS AQUINAS.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, behold I draw near to the Sacrament of thy only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. I draw near, sick to the Physician of life, foul to the fountain of mercy, blind to the light of eternal glory, poor and needy to the Lord of heaven and earth. I implore thee, therefore, that of the abundance of thine infinite mercy thou wouldest vouchsafe to heal my sickness, to wash my foulness, to enlighten my blindness, to enrich my poverty, to clothe my nakedness: that so I may receive him, who is the bread of Angels, King of kings and Lord of lords, with all the reverence and humility, all the contrition and devotion, all the purity and faith, and that due purpose and intention that shall be profitable for the salvation of my soul. Grant, I pray thee, that I may not only receive the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of the Lord, but also the effect and operation of the same. Most gracious God, grant that I may so receive the Body of thy only-begotten

Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, taken by him of the Virgin Mary, that I may be made incorporate in his mystical Body and numbered among his members. Vouchsafe, O most loving Father, that like as I now do purpose in this my pilgrimage to receive beneath a veil thy well-beloved Son, so I may hereafter behold him face to face: Who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

ACTS OF VIRTUE.

From St. Francis of Sales, Bishop of Geneva.

1. *Act of Adoration.*

O GOD, who art three persons and one substance, and thou Lord Jesu Christ, very God and very man, with my whole heart I adore thee, and confess that thou art my true and only Maker and Redeemer and my last end. And since my adoration is too weak and scanty, I offer unto thee that most excellent adoration wherewith thy sacred manhood ever worshippeth thee; together with the adoration of thy most glorious Mother the Virgin Mary and the whole company of heaven, and of the holy Catholic Church thy beloved bride.

2. *Act of Love.*

MOREOVER, O Lord, I love thee with all my heart, with all my soul, and with all my strength, and I yearn to love thee above all things; and if it were possible, I would fain love thee with that perfect love wherewith thou dost love thyself; wherewith thy sacred manhood and the most glorious Virgin Mary and the whole company of heaven and the holy Catholic Church do love thee.

3. *Act of Contrition.*

AND, forasmuch as thou, O Lord, art infinitely wise, good, just and merciful, therefore with my whole heart I lament and detest above all things all the sins both mortal and venial that I have committed in thought, word, and deed, from the first moment when I came to years of discretion unto the present hour. And instead of my imperfect sorrow I offer unto thee that bitter contrition wherewith thy holy Prophet David, thy holy Apostle Saint Peter, Saint Mary Magdalene, and all true penitents have grieved since the world began unto the present day, firmly purposing by the help of thy divine grace never more to offend against thee.

4. *Act of Satisfaction.*

AND because, O Lord, it lieth not in me to make atonement for the manifold guilt, whereby I do confess myself to be bound by reason of my sins and transgressions, therefore in satisfaction for the same I offer unto thee all my works, all the labour, penances and sorrows that hitherto I have borne, or shall bear hereafter, together with the meritorious life, passion, and death of thy only-begotten Son, most humbly asking pardon for all my sins and effectual grace, whereby before the hour of my death I may do penance for the same.

5. *Act of Oblation.*

FINALLY, O Lord, with this my sacrifice I offer up myself entirely to thy honour and eternal glory, and dedicate myself unto thee in union with that burning love and pure intention wherewith at thy last supper thou didst give thyself to be our

food, and on the altar of the Cross didst offer thy Blood as a sacrifice for our redemption. And instead of my scanty preparation and my present poor devotion, I offer unto thee that utter lowliness, charity and purity wherewith thy most holy Mother, and all thy faithful servants have drawn near to this most holy sacrament; wherewith thy holy Apostles and all holy priests have been endued for the offering of this dreadful sacrifice unto thee from the day when first thou didst ordain it, unto the present time; wherewith also thy holy Catholic Church is endued in all places to offer the same.

ACTS OF THE VARIOUS VIRTUES.

From the Tract on the Sacrifice of the Mass of the Venerable John Bona.

Faith.

MOST gracious Jesu, would that it were given unto me under the glistening veil of the sacramental signs to behold thy face, whereon the Angels desire to look. Would that there were opened unto me the saving fountains of thy five wounds, which with the eyes of faith I behold upon thy Body, the fountains of living water for the washing of my sinful soul! O wells of water springing up to life eternal, pour on me the waters of grace, to satisfy my thirst, that being filled with joy and endued with a lively faith, I may cry out with Saint Thomas the Apostle: My Lord and my God. For I believe with sure faith that thou art present in the most holy sacrament of the altar, thou who art my Lord and my God: and for this belief I am prepared to suffer a thousand deaths. I believe that in this sacrament is truly present thy glorious Body, brighter than the sun, chosen of thousands, with the same integrity, beauty, and majesty, passing

man's conception, wherewith it is adorned in heaven. There likewise is thy Blood, once shed for the sins of us and all mankind. There is thy soul, full of all grace and wisdom, wherein are all the treasures of the excellence and wisdom of God. Finally there is hidden thy Godhead, even the Almighty Word through whom the Father uttereth all things: and since thou art in the Father, and the Father in thee, there also is present the Father, sending forth thee his Word; there too is the Holy Ghost, uniting in love the Father and the Son. Herein are consummated all thy wondrous works, herein is thy supreme mystery passing the comprehension of the mind of man, herein is thy infallible truth, which with the help of thy grace I will confess in the face of fire and sword.

Hope.

IN thee alone, O Jesu, do I set my hope, for thou art my strength and my salvation, my stony rock and my defence, the source of all good things. How could I dare to offer this awful sacrifice to God the Father and to receive thee therein, unless thou gavest me confidence, who hast redeemed me by thy Blood. Therefore trusting in thy loving-kindness, I draw near to thee as a sheep that is diseased to the shepherd, as a sick man to the physician, as a guilty man condemned to death to his advocate, beseeching thee to comfort and protect me, to strengthen and heal me. The deeps of my nothingness call unto the deeps of thy goodness: for although my sins are great and grievous, yet they are as nothing, even though they were greater and more grievous, if they are compared with thy mercy

and the price of thy Blood. Herein is my whole confidence, and I rejoice that there is nothing in me, wherein I can put my trust. Have mercy upon me and save me, thou that never failest them that put their trust in thee.

Charity.

HOW mighty, O most loving Jesu, was the love that inflamed thy heart, when being about to leave the world and go to the Father, thou didst prepare for us a table containing all delights and all savour of sweetness. Great and admirable was the work of thy love, when thou didst vouchsafe to take our nature upon thee; but far greater and more marvellous is it, that thou hast left us thy Body to be our meat and thy Blood to be our drink: therein thou didst take upon thyself our manhood, herein thou bestowest upon us thy Godhead. In such wise hast thou shed forth on us the treasures of thy grace, that, since thou hast prevented us with such unspeakable kindness, we needs must strive with all our strength to repay thy love. And therefore I love thee, who art my only solace in this my pilgrimage, the only hope of my failing soul, my only happiness, and the greatest good that I can enjoy on earth. I love thee with all my heart, with all my mind and with all my strength: and would that I might ever love thee with a love burning more fiercely at every moment. This is my consuming desire, to this end are bent the groans and sighings of my heart. For thou drawest unto thee all the strength of my soul, when thou pourest thyself into me, making me, so far as it may be, like unto thyself, not feeding my hungry soul with any earthly food, but nourishing, satisfying and

fulfilling me, with thy precious Body and Blood. For this thy unspeakable bounty, I love thee, O my God, and that I may never cease to love thee, do thou who art the food and sustenance of love, inflame with thine own self my love of thee. O fire that ever burnest and never failest, kindle my reins and my heart that they may burn with love of thee. Thou camest to send fire upon earth; kindle it and fan it that it may grow continually. For I will love thee, if thou givest me strength to love thee, and I will love thee the more, the more bounteously thou pourest on me grace to love: yet never shall I love thee as thou deservest.

Desire.

LIKE as the hart desireth the water brooks, so longeth my soul after thee, Lord Jesu, my Saviour: verily my soul longeth to draw near to thee, and to offer thee to God the Father, and from the fount of thy salvation to drink in joy the wine that maketh glad the heart. For I am athirst, O Lord, being wearied in the way of iniquity: I am athirst for thee my God, the well of living waters: I am athirst for thy Blood which in a wonderful manner thou hast given to be my drink. I come unto thee, my deliverer, and hungry and thirsty call after thee: Thou Son of David, have mercy upon me, and give me thy bread, give me the wine that thou hast mingled, that my soul may be comforted: would that I might know the affections and burning desires of all the Saints, that I might ever thirst for thee the well of life, the well of wisdom, the well of everlasting light, the river of pleasures. Would that my heart might ever hunger for thee

the bread of Angels, the sustenance of the souls of the Saints: that the bowels of my soul might be filled with the savour of thy sweetness. My soul will not be comforted, until I receive thee, Lord Jesu, who art all the good I need, whom alone I do desire with ardent yearning, with all the affection and devotion of all thine elect, who feast with thee continually at thy table, whose riches I offer unto thee for the filling of my want. Be thou alone my joy, my repose, my sustenance, and my treasure, wherein my soul may find rest. Grant that I may desire nought but thee, and that all things may seem worthless unto me, save thee my God, and my delight on whom alone my heart is fixed.

Humility.

O GOD, supreme and terrible, almighty and incomprehensible, who art thou and who am I that thou shouldst vouchsafe to come unto me, to sit at meat with me, and to make thy abode with me? Woe is me; how great is thy condescension, how great my misery and ingratitude. Thou art King of kings and Lord of lords: the earth trembleth at the look of thee: thou art the fount of holiness, in whose sight the Angels are unclean: thou art the sun of everlasting brightness, who dwellest in the light that no man can approach unto: and I am an unclean creature, mocked of all calamities, tossed about by the madness of my passions, made subject to all vanity, a vessel of dishonour, a child of wrath and darkness. And how can there be fellowship between thy light and my darkness? How can I presume to draw near to thee, who am but a worm of earth, in whom is no order, but ever-

lasting confusion? With what confidence shall I stand before thee, the most just Judge, before whose sight the pillars of heaven are shaken? For although thou art present in all places, yet have I departed far from thee, and my miserable soul, which thou hadst pledged unto thee at my baptism, hath played the harlot with many lovers, rejecting thee, my Creator and Redeemer, to cleave to vain creatures: thou hast separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by thy grace to shine before men in brightness of learning and godliness of life: but I have lived in the darkness, savouring not the things which are thine, but the things which are on earth. Thou hast of thy goodness prepared a table for me, and I have sighed after the flesh-pots of Egypt. Thou hast given me thy Blood to drink, and I have turned aside to the cup of Babylon. Yet will I speak unto thee, who am but dust and ashes. Look upon thy servant and receive me, whom thou dost so lovingly invite unto thee. Now know I indeed that without thee I am nothing, and without thee is neither life nor salvation. Therefore I pray thee, cast behind my back all my sins and embrace me, unworthy though I be of thy grace, who now return unto thee, after the saying of the Prophet: The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit: a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt thou not despise.

A PRAYER OF PREPARATION

From the Liturgy of St. Basil.

O LORD, who knowest the hearts of all men, who art holy and hast thy rest among them that are holy, who alone art without sins, and hast

power to grant the remission of sins; thou, Lord, knowest my unworthiness, and that I am neither prepared nor disposed aright to draw near to this thy holy ministry. But I have no confidence in myself that I should draw near and open my mouth in the presence of the holiness of thy glory; but according to the multitude of thy mercy, pardon me a sinner, and grant me that I may find grace and mercy in this hour. Send me strength from on high, that I may prepare, begin, and perform thy holy ministry according to the pleasure of thy goodwill and in such wise as is pleasing unto thee. Therefore, Lord, be thou with us, be partakers with us in our labour and grant us thy blessing. For thou art the remission of our sins, the light of our souls, our life, our strength, and our confidence. Thou art he unto whom we lift up our praise, our glory, and our worship, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever, world without end. Amen.

THREE PETITIONS TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN.

From Blessed Gertrude. Bk. IV. Chap. 40.

1. MOST chaste Virgin Mary, I pray thee by that great innocence and purity which prepared in thy virgin womb a dwelling-place pleasing to the Son of God, that by thy prayers I may be made worthy to be cleansed from all defilement.

2. Most lowly Virgin, I pray thee by that deep humility whereby thou wast made worthy to be exalted above all the choirs of Angels and Saints, that thy prayers may atone for all my negligences.

3. Most loving Virgin Mary, I pray thee by that great and wondrous love which bound thy soul un-

brokenly to God, that by thy prayers may be bestowed on me abundance of the merits that I need. Amen.

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY BEFORE MASS.

MOTHER of pity and mercy, most blessed Virgin Mary, I, a miserable and unworthy sinner, fly unto thee with all my heart and with all my affections: beseeching thee of thy mercy that like as thou didst stand by thy well-beloved Son when he hung upon the Cross, so thou wouldst graciously vouchsafe to stand by me a miserable sinner, and all priests who here and in all the holy Church this day do offer sacrifice; that by the help of thy grace, we may be able to offer in the sight of the almighty and undivided Trinity a worthy and acceptable oblation. Amen.

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH.

BLESSED Joseph, happy art thou among men, in that it was given unto thee not only to see and hear the God whom many kings desired to see and saw not, to hear and heard not, but also to bear him in thine arms and embrace him, to foster and protect him!

℣. Pray for us, O blessed Joseph. ℟. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who hast given unto us a royal priesthood, vouchsafe, we pray thee, that, like as thy blessed Saint Joseph was found worthy reverently to hold and carry in his arms thine only-begotten Son, born of the Virgin Mary, so we in purity of heart

and innocence of deed may serve thy holy altars: that we may this day worthily receive the sacred Body and Blood of thy Son, and in the world to come be found worthy to attain to the reward of eternal life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER TO ALL THE ANGELS AND SAINTS.

O ALL ye Angels, Archangels, Thrones, Dominations, Princedoms, Powers, and Virtues of the heavens, Cherubin, and Seraphin, and all ye Saints of God, especially my Patrons, vouchsafe to intercede for me, that I may be enabled worthily to offer this sacrifice to Almighty God, to the praise and glory of his Name, for my benefit and that of all his holy Church. Amen.

PRAYER TO ST. JOHN.

O GREAT Apostle, who by thy unspotted purity, wast made so dear to Jesus, that thou didst rest thy head upon his bosom; who wast likewise found of him worthy to be left in his stead, to be to his mother as a son: grant me, I humbly pray, to embrace Jesus and Mary with ever-burning love. Pray for me to God, I beseech thee, that so I also, being purified in my heart from all earthly affections, may in this world so cleave stedfastly to Jesus as a faithful disciple, to Mary as a loving son, that I may be found worthy to be joined to them in heaven to all eternity. Amen.

PRAYER TO THE SAINT IN WHOSE HONOUR THE MASS IS SAID.

O BLESSED Saint *N.*, behold I a miserable sinner, trusting in thy merits, do offer now the most holy Sacrament of the Body and Blood of

our Lord Jesus Christ to thy honour and glory. I pray thee humbly and devoutly, that thou wouldst vouchsafe this day to intercede for me, that I may be enabled worthily and acceptably to offer so great a Sacrifice; that with thee and all his elect I may praise him and reign with him to all eternity: Who liveth and reigneth for ever. Amen.

PROTESTATION TO BE MADE BEFORE MASS.

I INTEND to celebrate Mass and to consecrate the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to the order of the holy Catholic Church, to the honour of almighty God and the whole Church triumphant, to the benefit of myself and of the whole Church militant; for all those who have commended themselves to my prayers both in general and in particular, and for the good estate of the holy Catholic Church. Amen.

THE Almighty and merciful God grant unto us joy with peace, amendment of life, time for true repentance, the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit, and perseverance in all good works unto the end. Amen.

FORM OF INTENTION FOR CELEBRATING MASS.

TO the glory and honour of the most Holy Trinity, in memory of the life, passion, death, and resurrection of our blessed Saviour Jesus Christ, and to the intent that I may be made partaker of his works and merits and those of all his Saints: and moreover to the praise and exaltation of his most blessed Mother, Mary Ever-

Virgin, the Angels and Saints of heaven, and especially of the blessed Saints *N.* and *N.*, and others to whom I am bound; and in union with the praises of these blessed spirits, and the prayers and merits of all the Saints, do I now and for ever offer this and all the other sacrifices, ministries, prayers, and good works of all the world for my necessities of body and soul, present and to come; for my succour and comfort, and for the remission of all my sins, for which I ever have, and purpose, endeavour, and desire to have true contrition; for the remission of the sins of all my parents, brethren, sisters, kindred, friends, enemies, benefactors in things spiritual and temporal, my superiors and those subject to me, and all those to whom I have been a burden, offence, and occasion of sin, whether they be living or dead; for all estates of the holy Catholic Church, for its preservation, increase, and exaltation; for the peace and unity of all Christian princes, for the extirpation of heresies, the welfare of the chief Bishop, and the deliverance of the souls in Purgatory; for the preservation and increase of all religious worship, for the conversion of all nations of infidels, and for all them that are committed to my charge, and finally for all the living and the dead for whom our Lord Jesus Christ and his most blessed Mother the Virgin Mary desire and know me to be bound to pray. In this wise I make my prayer and supplication: in this wise I intend and purpose to consecrate and offer sacrifice, in accordance with the intention of the holy Catholic Church, and the will of those that are set over me, in so far as I am bound thereby.

I, *N.*, a minister of God, although unworthy, do make this profession, in the name of the Father,

and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, Amen: with the intention of gaining and acquiring all the pardons that I can.

MEMENTO OF THE LIVING.

TO remember:

1. Myself, my parents, my brethren, sisters, kindred, and friends.

2. All to whom I have been a burden, offence, or occasion of sin.

3. All my benefactors in things spiritual and temporal.

4. All those committed to my charge in general and in particular.

5. All priests and ministers of the Catholic Church of God.

6. All my enemies and that I may truly forgive them.

7. All heretics and infidels that they may be converted.

8. All for whom thou, O God, desirest me and knowest that I ought to pray.

MEMENTO OF THE DEAD.

1. The souls of my parents, brethren, sisters, kindred, and friends.

2. The souls who through my fault are suffering in Purgatory.

3. The souls of all my benefactors in things spiritual and temporal.

4. The souls of those committed to my charge in general and in particular.

5. The souls of all priests and ministers of the Catholic Church of God.

6. The souls of those cut off by sudden death.

7. The souls in misery in Purgatory, and all for whom thou, O God, desirest me and knowest that I ought to pray.

PRAYERS TO BE SAID BY THE PRIEST WHILE VESTING.

When he washes his hands :

1. Strengthen my hands, O Lord, to wash away all uncleanness; that I may serve thee with soul and body undefiled.

As he sets the Amice over his head :

2. Set on my head, O Lord, the helmet of salvation, to defend me against all the assaults of Satan.

When he vests himself in the Alb :

3. Wash me, O Lord, and purify my heart, that being made white by the blood of the Lamb, I may rejoice in everlasting gladness.

When he girds himself with the Girdle :

4. Gird me, O Lord, with the girdle of purity, and quench in my loins every passion of wantonness; that I may abide in the virtue of chastity and continence.

When he puts the Maniple on his left arm :

5. May I wear the maniple, O Lord, in weeping and sorrowing ; that I may receive with rejoicing the reward of my labouring.

When he sets the Stole upon his neck :

6. Render back to me, O Lord, everlasting life's raiment, made forfeit in the transgression of my first parent: that although I be unworthy to approach thy holy Mystery, yet I may attain to everlasting felicity.

When he takes the Chasuble :

7. O Lord, who hast said: My yoke is easy and my burden is light: that yoke let me so sustain, that thy grace I may attain.

PRAYERS TO BE SAID BY THE BISHOP WHEN CELEBRATING IN PONTIFICAL VESTMENTS.

At the Slippers :

Let my feet, O Lord, be shod with the preparation of the Gospel of peace: hide me under the shadow of thy wings.

When putting off the Cape :

Put off from me, O Lord, the old man, with his manners and actions, and put on me the new man, who is created according to God in righteousness and the holiness of truth.

When washing his hands :

Strengthen my hands, O Lord, to wash away every spot of uncleanness: that I may serve thee with soul and body undefiled.

At the Amice :

Set on my head, O Lord, the helmet of salvation, to defend me against all the deceits of Satan and to conquer all the crafts of my adversaries.

At the Alb :

Wash me, O Lord, and cleanse me from my sins; that with them that have made their raiment white in the blood of the Lamb, I may rejoice in everlasting gladness.

At the Girdle :

Gird me, O Lord, with the girdle of faith, and my loins with the strength of chastity, and quench in

my loins every passion of wantonness; that the power of perfect chastity may ever abide in me.

When taking the Pectoral Cross :

Vouchsafe, Lord Jesu Christ, to defend me against all the assaults of my enemies with the sign of thy most holy Cross, and grant to me, thy unworthy servant, that like as I do hold before my breast this Cross filled with the relics of thy Saints, so I may ever bear in my mind the memory of thy passion and the virtues of thy holy Martyrs.

At the Stole :

Render back to me, O Lord, everlasting life's raiment, made forfeit in the transgression of my first parent: and though I presume in my unworthiness to approach thus adorned to thy holy mystery, yet grant that I may be found worthy to wear the same in everlasting gladness.

At the Tunicle :

May the Lord clothe me with the tunic of joyfulness and the robe of gladness.

At the Dalmatic :

Clothe me, O Lord, with the robe of salvation and the garment of gladness; and ever set about me the dalmatic of righteousness.

At the Gloves :

Cover my hands, O Lord, with the cleanness of the new man that came down from heaven: that like as thy beloved Jacob, covering his hands with goatskins, offered unto his father meat and drink such as his soul loved, and thereby obtained a blessing, so offering in my hands a saving victim, I may earn the blessing of thy grace. Through

Jesus Christ our Lord, who offered himself for us in the likeness of sinful flesh.

At the Chasuble.

O Lord, who hast said: My yoke is easy and my burden is light: that yoke let me so sustain that thy grace I may attain.

At the Mitre :

Set on my head, O Lord, the mitre and helmet of salvation; that I may be unhurt of the assaults of the ancient enemy and all my adversaries.

At the Ring :

Adorn, O Lord, with virtue the fingers of my heart and body, and set about me the sanctification of thy sevenfold spirit.

At the Maniple :

Let me be found worthy, O Lord, I beseech thee, to wear the maniple in sorrow of heart: that I may receive with rejoicing a portion with the just.

THANKSGIVING AFTER MASS

Antiphon. Let us sing * the song of the three holy children, which they sang in the furnace of fire, blessing the Lord.

This Antiphon is doubled on Double Feasts ; and in Eastertide Alleluia *is added.*

The Song of the Three Children.

BENEDICITE.

O ALL ye works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord : * praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Angels of the Lord, bless ye the Lord : * O ye heavens, bless ye the Lord.

O ye waters that be above the firmament, bless ye the Lord : * O all ye powers of the Lord, bless ye the Lord.

O ye sun and moon, bless ye the Lord : * O ye stars of heaven, bless ye the Lord.

O ye showers and dew, bless ye the Lord : * O ye winds of God, bless ye the Lord.

O ye fire and heat, bless ye the Lord : * O ye winter and summer, bless ye the Lord.

O ye dews and frosts, bless ye the Lord : * O ye frost and cold, bless ye the Lord.

O ye ice and snow, bless ye the Lord : * O ye nights and days, bless ye the Lord.

O ye light and darkness, bless ye the Lord : * O ye lightnings and clouds, bless ye the Lord.

O let the earth bless the Lord : * yea, let it praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye mountains and hills, bless ye the Lord : * O all ye green things upon the earth, bless ye the Lord.

O ye wells, bless ye the Lord : * O ye seas and floods, bless ye the Lord.

O ye whales, and all that move in the waters, bless ye the Lord: * O all ye fowls of the air, bless ye the Lord.

O all ye beasts and cattle, bless ye the Lord : * O ye children of men, bless ye the Lord.

O let Israel bless the Lord : * praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye priests of the Lord, bless ye the Lord : * O ye servants of the Lord, bless ye the Lord.

O ye spirits and souls of the righteous, bless ye the Lord : * O ye holy and humble men of heart, bless ye the Lord.

O Ananias, Azarias, and Misael, bless ye the Lord : praise him, and magnify him for ever.

Let us bless the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost : * let us praise and magnify him for ever.

Blessed art thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven : * and to be praised and glorified and exalted above all for ever.

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LAUDATE DOMINUM.

O PRAISE God in his holiness : * praise him in the firmament of his power.

Praise him in his noble acts : * praise him according to his excellent greatness.

Praise him in the sound of the trumpet : * praise him upon the lute and harp.

Praise him in the cymbals and dances : * praise him upon the strings and pipe.

Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals : * praise him upon the loud cymbals.

Let every thing that hath breath * praise the Lord.

Glory be to the Father.

Antiphon. Let us sing the song of the three holy children, which they sang in the furnace of fire, blessing the Lord.

In Eastertide. Alleluia.

Then shall the Priest say :

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Our Father. ℣. And lead us not into temptation, ℟. But deliver us from evil. ℣. All thy works praise thee, O Lord, ℟. And thy saints give thanks unto thee. ℣. Let thy saints be joyful with glory, ℟. Let them rejoice in their beds. ℣. Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, ℟. But unto thy Name give the praise. ℣. Lord, hear my prayer, ℟. And let my cry come unto thee. ℣. The Lord be with you, ℟. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who for the deliverance of the three children didst assuage the flames of fire: mercifully grant that the fiery assaults of temptation may have no power upon us thy servants.

Prevent us, O Lord, in all our doings with thy most gracious favour, and further us with thy continual help: that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name, and finally by thy mercy obtain everlasting life.

O Lord, who knowest us to be sore beset by reason of our sins: mercifully grant that, like as thou didst enable thy blessed servant Lawrence to overcome the fires of his torments, so we may by thy grace assuage the flames of our temptations. Through Christ our Lord. ℟. Amen.

PRAYERS TO BE SAID AFTER MASS AND HOLY COMMUNION.

A PRAYER OF ST. THOMAS AQUINAS.

I GIVE thee thanks, O Lord Holy, Father Almighty, everlasting God, for that thou hast vouchsafed to feed me a sinner, through no merits of my own, but only by the infinite goodness of thy

mercy, with the precious Body and Blood of thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and I pray thee that this holy communion may not bring upon me guilt to increase my damnation, but may be an effectual intercession for my salvation. Let it be unto me the armour of faith and the shield of godly intention. Let it be profitable for my deliverance from all manner of vices, the destruction of all concupiscence and wantonness that are in me, for the increase of charity and patience, of holiness and obedience in me, and for my advancement in all manner of virtues: let it be my sure defence against all the assaults of my enemies seen and unseen; let it be effectual for the subduing of all sinful motions both of my flesh and of my spirit, that cleaving stedfastly unto thee the one true God, I may attain in the end unto perfect felicity. And I pray thee that thou wouldst vouchsafe to bring me, a sinner, unto the unspeakable joys of that heavenly banquet where thou, with thy Son and the Holy Ghost, dost bestow upon thy faithful people true light and full contentment, everlasting joy, delight unfailing, and perfect felicity. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER OF ST. BONAVENTURE.

MOST dear Lord Jesu, pierce, I pray thee, the inmost bowels of my soul with the sweet and saving wound of thy love, with unfeigned and untroubled charity, the holiness of thy saints, that my soul may melt and languish with yearning after thee alone, that it may ever have a desire and longing to enter into thy courts, that it may seek to depart and to be with thee. Grant that my soul may hunger for thee, the bread of Angels, the re-

freshment of the souls of the Saints, our daily bread and spiritual food, containing in itself all sweet savours and all pleasant delights: for thee on whom the Angels desire to look may my heart hunger: may it feed on thee, that the bowels of my soul be filled with the savour of thy sweetness: may I ever thirst after thee the well of life, the well of wisdom and knowledge, the well of everlasting light, the river of pleasures, the plenteousness of the house of God: may I ever pay my vows unto thee, seek thee and find thee, strive for thee and come to thee, think upon thee and speak of thee: may I in all things labour for the honour and glory of thy Name, with holiness and wisdom, with love and delight, with readiness and devotion, with endurance unto the end. Be thou alone my hope, my trust, my riches, my gladness, my delight, my joy, my rest and repose, my peace, my pleasure, my fragrance, my sweetness, my food, my comfort, my refuge, my help, my wisdom, my portion, my possession, and my treasure, that my heart and soul being rooted and grounded in thee may nevermore be separated from thee. Amen.

ANOTHER PRAYER AFTER MASS.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, the Saviour of souls and Redeemer of the world, look down of thy great clemency upon me thy servant lying prostrate at the feet of thy majesty, and of thy goodness accept the sacrifice which I have offered to the honour of thy Name for the salvation of all faithful people, both living and dead, and for my sins and offences: deliver me, I pray thee, from thy wrath, grant me thy grace and mercy, open unto

me the gate of paradise, by thy mighty arm deliver me from all evils, and whatsoever sins I have committed to my own condemnation do thou of thy mercy pardon: and grant that in this life I may so persevere stedfastly in thy commandments, that I may be made worthy to be numbered in the flock of thine elect. All this grant unto me, O my God, whose ever-blessed Name, honour, and kingdom endure to all ages, world without end. Amen.

A RHYME OF ST. THOMAS AQUINAS IN HONOUR OF THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST.

Adoro te devote.

O HIDDEN Godhead, here I worship kneeling
Thee, under figures dark thyself concealing:
Here lay before thee all my heart's submission,
All lost in wonder, gazing on thy vision.

Sight, touch, and taste in thee are all deceivéd,
Yet what the ear hath heard must be believéd:
Whate'er God's Son hath said, believe I duly
The word of truth, than whom none speaks more truly.

The Cross did only hide thy Deity,
Here too is hidden thy humanity.
Yet I believing both and both confessing
With the thief penitent implore thy blessing.

Thy wounds Saint Thomas' eyes beheld, I may not;
Yet do I own thee God, and I gainsay not:
Make me still cling to thee, Lord, without ceasing,
In faith and hope and charity increasing.

O dear memorial of the Master's dying,
O Living Bread, to man true life supplying,

Grant to my soul from thee to draw all living,
Thy own sweet savour to it ever giving.

Jesu, whose Blood is to thy children given,
In thy pure Blood be my impureness shriven,
Thy Blood, whereof one single drop's salvation
Alone the whole world saves from all damnation.

Jesu, from thee a veil doth now divide me,
Yet be not that, for which I thirst, denied me:
To see thee face to face all veils asunder,
Blest by the vision of thy glory's wonder. Amen.

PRAYERS OF ST. ALFONSUS MARIA LIGUORI, BISHOP, whereof one is appointed for each day of the week.

Sunday.

MOST loving Jesu, my Redeemer and my God, I adore thee, who art present in my breast beneath the forms of bread and wine, wherein thou art made the meat and drink of my soul. O my God, I pray that thy coming to my soul may be ever blessed, and for this great benefit I give thee thanks from my inmost heart, and lament that I cannot worthily give thanks unto thee. For how could a steward of low degree give worthy thanks, if his king should visit his hut, save by casting himself down at his feet in silence to praise and honour such great condescension? Therefore, O heavenly King, Jesu beloved, I cast myself at thy feet and adore thee in my infinite vileness. I unite my adoration to the adoration offered unto thee by the blessed Virgin Mary, when she received thee into her sacred womb, and with that love wherewith she loved thee would I also honour thee. O loving

Redeemer, thou hast this day in obedience to my words come down from heaven into my hands: but woe is me, how often have I disobeyed thy commandments, spurned thee with ingratitude, rejected thy grace and thy love! O good Jesu, I trust that thou hast now given me pardon for all my sins; but if, through my fault, thou hast not yet spared me, do thou pardon me now, I beseech thee, who art infinite goodness: for with my whole heart I repent of all the offences I have ever committed against thee. O Jesu, I would that I had always loved thee! From that day at least whereon I first offered this sacrifice to thee I ought above all others to have burned with love of thee. Thou hast chosen me out of thousands to be thy priest and friend; what more couldst thou have done to earn my love? But I give thee thanks, for that thou givest unto me time to do that which I have left undone. I desire to love thee with all my heart. I desire to have no affection in my heart save for thee, who by so many benefits hast bound me to render back thy love. My God and my all! O my God, what care I for riches, or honours, or the pleasures of the world: thou art my all. Thou alone from henceforth shalt be my only good and my only love. Grant that I may say unto thee, with thy blessed Saint Paulinus: Let the rich man keep his riches, and the king his crown: my glory and my kingdom is Christ. Let the kings and the rich men of the earth enjoy their kingdoms and their riches: thou, O good Jesu, shalt alone be evermore my riches and my kingdom. O everlasting Father, by the love of this thy Son, whom I have this day offered unto thee, and received into my heart, grant me, I pray thee, holy perseverance in

thy grace, and the gift of thy holy love. To thee, moreover, do I commend all that are near and dear to me, and all my enemies; and also all souls in purgatory, and all sinners.

O my Mother, Mary most holy, pray for me that I may effectually obtain holy perseverance and the love of Jesus Christ.

Monday.

O INFINITE goodness and infinite love of God, who hath given himself wholly to me, and is become wholly mine! O my soul, gather together all thy affections and in thy inmost self unite thyself to thy Lord, who of his set purpose hath come unto thee, that he may be united unto thee, and be loved as he hath loved thee.

O loving Redeemer, I embrace thee who art my love and my life: I unite myself unto thee, despise not thou me. Woe is me! In times past I have rejected thee from my soul, and separated myself from thee: but henceforth may I rather lay down my life a thousand times than lose thee again, who art my greatest good. Forget, O Lord, the wrongs I have done unto thee, and in thy mercy pardon me: with my whole heart I repent me of them, and am ready to die for grief at them. Yet, though I have sinned against thee, thou dost command me to love thee, saying: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart. My Lord, who am I that thou shouldst desire to be loved by me? Thou hast vouchsafed to undergo death for my sake, and hast given me thy Flesh to eat: I give up all things, I renounce all things, and embrace thee alone, most loving Saviour. Who shall separate me from the love of Christ? O loving Redeemer, whom can I

desire to love, save thee, who art infinite goodness, and worthy of infinite love? Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire in comparison of thee. God is the strength of my heart and my portion for ever. In truth, O God, neither in heaven nor in earth can I find a greater good than thee, nor one who hath loved me more than thee. Thy kingdom come. O good Jesu, take, I pray thee, this day the dominion of my whole heart; I give it wholly unto thee. Do thou occupy it at all times and in all things, and drive from it all affections which are not directed unto thee. Let the prayer of thy blessed Saint Ignatius of Loyola ever be in my mouth: Grant me the love of thee together with thy grace, and I am rich enough. Grant me thy love and thy grace, that I may love thee and be loved of thee, and I am rich enough: I seek and desire nothing more. But thou knowest my infirmity, and how often I have shewn myself faithless unto thee: do thou therefore help me by thy grace and suffer me nevermore to be separated from thy holy love. Suffer me not to be separated from thee. I say this unto thee now, and I would fain ever say it: grant me this, that I may ever repeat: Suffer me not, suffer me not to be separated from thee.

O most holy Virgin, Mary my hope, by thy prayers obtain for me from God this double grace, holy perseverance and holy love: I seek no more of thee.

Tuesday.

LORD, how could I offend thee so often, knowing how greatly I displeased thee by my sins? I implore thee, by the merits of thy

passion, pardon me, and bind me to thee by the bonds of thy love: let not the foulness of my offences separate me from thee. Make me ever to know more and more thy goodness and the love which I owe to thee, and the charity wherewith thou hast loved me.

I desire, Lord Jesu, to devote myself utterly to thee, even as thou hast vouchsafed to offer thyself as a sacrifice for me. Thou hast bound me unto thee with countless bonds of love; suffer me not, I pray thee, ever to be separated from thee. O my God, I love thee, and desire to love thee evermore. How can I live, separated from thee and without thy grace, seeing that I have known thy love? I thank thee, for that thou hast borne with me, when I lived without thy grace, and for that thou still dost grant me time for loving thee. If death had come upon me in former times, I could no more have loved thee. But inasmuch as I still can love thee, I desire to love thee with all my strength, O dearest Jesu, and I desire with my whole heart to love thee in all things. I love thee, O infinite Goodness, I love thee above myself; and for that I love thee, I give unto thee my body, my soul, and all my will. Do and deal with me, O Lord, according to thy good pleasure; I subdue myself unto thee in all things. If thou wilt but suffer me evermore to love thee, I ask nothing else. Give to them that seek them all earthly blessings: I desire nothing, I ask nothing, save perseverance in thy grace, and thy holy love.

Trusting, O everlasting Father, in the promises of thy Son: Verily, verily, I say unto you: Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my Name, he will give it you (*John* 16. 23), I ask of thee, in the Name of Jesus Christ, holy perseverance, and grace to

love thee with all my heart, in evermore doing perfectly thy will. O Jesu, thou hast been made a victim for my sake, that I might give myself unto thee, and sacrifice all my will to thee; for thou sayest : My son, give me thine heart (*Prov.* 23. 26). Behold, O Lord, my heart, and my soul, which I bestow upon thee, and devote wholly unto thee. But thou, O Lord, knowest my weakness: succour me, and suffer me not ever to turn away my will from thee and sin against thee. Nay, suffer not this; grant that I may ever love thee, grant that I may love thee, as a priest ought to love thee; and like as thy Son, dying upon the Cross, had power to say: It is finished ; so in the hour of my death may I have power to say that from this day forth, I have kept thy commandments. Grant that in all temptations, and in all perils of sinning against thee, I may ever take refuge in thee, and may never fail to implore thee by the merits of Jesus Christ to come to my aid.

O Mary most holy, who hast all power with God, obtain for me this grace, that in all time of temptation I may seek refuge in God and in thee.

Wednesday.

O LORD Jesu, I see what great things thou hast wrought and suffered, that thou mightest constrain me to love thee; and have I shewn myself so ungrateful to thee? How often have I bartered thy grace for the sake of worthless delights and evil desires, and thereby lost thee, O God of my soul! To thy creatures I have given honour and gratitude for the benefits they have done to me: to thee alone have I shewed myself ungrateful. Pardon me, O my God: I bewail such sins of in-

gratitude, I repent thereof with all my heart, and I hope for thy pardon since thou art infinite goodness. If thou wert not infinite goodness, I must needs despair, nor might I dare henceforth to implore thy mercy.

All thanks be unto thee, O my beloved, for that thou hast not condemned me to hell, as I have deserved, and hast for so long a time endured me! Even thy long-suffering towards me, O my God, should draw me to love thee. Who could ever have borne with me, save thee, who art a God of infinite mercy? For long since hast thou invited me to love thee; I will no longer resist thy love; behold, I give myself utterly unto thee. Enough have I sinned against thee, now do I desire to love thee. I love thee for that thou art my chiefest good; I love thee for that thou art infinite goodness; I love thee, O my God, for that thou art worthy of infinite love, and I desire evermore to repeat in time and in eternity: I love thee, I love thee.—O God, how many years have I lost, wherein I might have loved thee, and advanced in thy love, and I have spent them in sinning against thee. But my hope, O Jesu, is in thy precious Blood. I hope never to cease from loving thee. I know not how much of life remains to me; but the residue of my life, whether it be short or long, I consecrate entirely unto thee. To this end hast thou waited for me unto this day. I desire indeed to please thee. I desire, O most loving Lord, ever to love thee, and I desire to love thee alone. What care I for pleasures or wealth or honour? Thou alone, O my God, thou alone art and ever shalt be my love and my all. But I can do nothing, unless thou helpest me by thy grace. Pierce, I pray thee, and inflame my heart

with thy holy love, and so unite it wholly unto thee, that it can never be parted from me. Thou hast promised to love them that love thee: I love them that love me (*Prov.* 8. 17). Now do I love thee ; O be not angry with my boldness, do thou also love me, and suffer me not to do aught that may prevent thee from loving me. He that loveth not, abideth in death (1 *John* 3. 14). Deliver me from that death that would hinder me from loving thee. Grant that I may ever love thee, that thou mayest ever be able to love me: and so shall love continue ever more between us, nor ever henceforth be broken. Grant this, everlasting Father, by the love of Jesus Christ. Grant this, O dearest Jesu, by thy merits, whereby I hope evermore to be enabled to love thee, and to be loved of thee.

O Mary, Mother of God, do thou also pray to Jesus for me.

Thursday.

O GOD of infinite majesty, behold at thy feet the traitor who has sinned so grievously against thee. Many times hast thou had mercy on my sins; and I spurning the benefits and the succour which thou hast granted me, have wronged thee yet again. Others have sinned in darkness, but I in the light. But do thou hearken to the voice of this thy Son, whom but now I have offered unto thee, and who now is in my heart. Let him implore for me thy mercy and thy pardon. Spare me, O infinite goodness, for the love of Jesus Christ; for I repent me with my whole heart that I have offended thee.

I know that thou, for the love of Jesus Christ, art willing to have mercy upon sinners: It pleased

the Father by him to reconcile all things unto himself (*Col.* 1. 19, 20). By the love of Jesus Christ I pray thee therefore to have compassion also upon me. Cast me not away from thy presence, although I deserve it: spare me and change my heart. Make me a clean heart, O God. Do this even for the honour of thy Name, inasmuch as thou hast chosen me to be a priest and minister to offer unto thee thy Son himself. Make me to live as a priest ought to live. Grant me the heart wherewith a priest ought to love thee. Quench, I pray thee, and destroy by the fire of thy love all earthly affections. Grant that I may henceforth shew myself grateful for the benefits that thou hast bestowed upon me, and for the great love wherewith thou hast loved me. Though once I spurned thy love, yet now do I prize it above all the kingdoms of the world, and I set thy good pleasure before all riches, and the delights of heaven and earth. O my Father, by the love of Jesus Christ, draw me from all things beside. It is thy will that thy priests should be separated from all things that are in the world, and should live for thee alone, and for the works of thy glory. Separate me Saul and Barnabas for the work whereunto I have called them (*Acts* 13. 2). I know that thou requirest this of me also, and this I purpose to do, but do thou help me by thy grace. Draw me altogether unto thee. Grant me in toil and in adversity patience, and a will that is conformed to thee. Grant me grace to mortify myself for love of thee. Bestow on me the spirit of true humility, whereby I may rejoice to be held worthless and sinful. Teach me to do thy will, and thereafter shew unto me that which thou wouldst have me to do; for this I would fain perform. Take back, O my God, to the

love of thee, a sinner who heretofore hath sinned grievously against thee, but now desires to love thee and to be thine. O eternal God, I hope to love thee to all eternity. And therefore in this life do I desire to love thee much, that I may be enabled to love thee much to all eternity. And because I love thee, I desire thee to be known and loved by all men; and therefore, O Lord, since thou hast made me thy priest, grant that I may labour for thee and strive for the salvation of souls. All this I ask through thy merits, O Christ Jesus, and through thy merits, O Mary my Mother.

Friday.

O JESU, how couldst thou choose me out of thousands to be thy priest? Me, who have so often turned my back upon thee, and for nothing spurned thy grace? Most loving Lord, I grieve with all my soul for my sins. Tell me, hast thou forgiven me, even as I hope? Indeed thou hast been my Redeemer, not once, but as often as thou hast spared me. O my Saviour, would that I had never offended thee. Grant, I pray thee, that I may hear the words that thou didst speak to Magdalen: Thy sins are forgiven thee. Grant me great sorrow for my sins, that I may feel myself to have been restored to thy grace. Into thy hands I commend my spirit; thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of truth. O divine Shepherd, thou didst come down from heaven to find me, a sheep that was lost, and for my sake thou dost come down daily upon the altar: thou hast laid down thy life for my salvation; leave me not. Into thy hands I commend my soul, receive it of thy mercy, and suffer me not ever to be separated from thee. For my sake thou hast shed all

thy precious Blood: we therefore pray thee help thy servants whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious Blood. Now art thou my Advocate, not my Judge; win for me pardon before thy Father's throne; obtain for me light and strength to love thee with all my soul. Grant me so to pass the residue of my life that, when I look upon thee as my Judge, I may find thee gracious towards me.

I pray thee, let thy love reign in my heart; make me to be wholly thine: and therefore, O loving Saviour, make me ever mindful of the love wherewith thou hast loved me, and of all that thou hast done and suffered that thou mightst love me and be loved by me. For this cause hast thou made me a priest, that I should love nothing save thee. O my Jesu, I wish indeed to please thee: I love thee, and I desire to love nothing save thee. Make me lowly and patient in the toils of this life, cheerful in humiliations, loathing all earthly delights, and withdrawn from all love of creatures: grant that I may cast out from my heart all affections that are not directed towards thee. All this I implore of thee, and hope by the merits of thy passion to receive the same. O Jesu most sweet, O Jesu beloved, O good Jesu, hear me.

O Mary my Mother and my hope, do thou also hear me and pray to Jesus for me.

Saturday.

"Speak, Lord, for thy servant heareth"

(1 *Sam.* 3. 10).

O MOST loving Jesu, this day also hast thou come to visit my soul; I thank thee from my inmost heart. Since thou hast come unto me, speak, I pray thee, and tell me what thou

wouldst have me to do, for I am ready to do all things. I am not worthy that thou shouldst speak any more to me, for that I have often refused to hear thy voice, wherewith thou wast calling me to thy love, and in thanklessness have turned my back upon thee. But now have I done penance for my sins, now do I once more repent of them, and I trust that I have now obtained pardon from thee. Tell me therefore what thou wouldst have me to do, for I am ready for all things. O my God, would that I had always loved thee. Woe is me, how many years have I lost. But thy Blood and thy promises give me hope of redeeming the time that I have lost, by loving thee alone henceforth and by pleasing thee. I love thee, my Redeemer and my God. I aspire to nothing save to love thee with all my heart, and to lay down my life for love of thee, who hast vouchsafed to suffer death for love of me. May I say with Saint Francis: Let me die for love of the love of thee, who hast vouchsafed to die for love of the love of me. Thou, O Jesu, hast given thyself wholly unto me: thou hast given thy Blood, thy life, thy agony and sweat, and all thy merits. I give myself wholly unto thee; I give thee all my joys, all the pleasures of this life, my body, my soul, and my will: I have no more to give thee; if I had more, I would give thee more. O sweetest Jesu, thou art sufficient for me. Yet grant, O Lord, that I may be faithful unto thee; suffer me not to change my will and to abandon thee. I trust, O my Saviour, that by the merits of thy passion this may never befall me. Thou hast said: Did ever any trust in the Lord and was confounded? (*Ecclus.* 2. 10.) Therefore I too can say with all confidence: In thee, O Lord, have I trusted, let me never be confounded. O God

of my soul, I trust, and desire always to trust, that I shall never suffer the confusion of beholding myself separated from thee. In thee, O Lord, have I put my trust, let me never be put to confusion (*Ps.* 31. 1). O my God, since thou art almighty, make me holy. Make me to love thee much, make me to leave nothing undone that may abound to thy glory, make me to conquer all things, that I may please thee. Happy were I, could I love all things, that I might find thee alone and thy love! To this end hast thou given me life, grant that I may devote it wholly to the works of thy glory. I deserve not benefits, but punishments: therefore do I pray thee to punish me as thou wilt, if only thou takest not thy grace from me. Without measure hast thou loved me, O infinite charity, O infinite goodness, so do I love thee, and so will I ever love thee. O will of God, thou art my love. O my Jesu, thou hast died for me, would that I also could die for thee, and by my death cause all men to love thee.

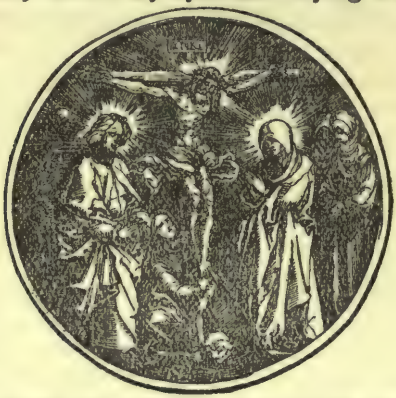
O infinite goodness, worthy of infinite love! I praise thee above all things, I love thee above all things.

O Mary, draw me unto God: give me sure confidence in thee, and make me ever to fly unto thee for aid: by thy intercession thou canst make me holy, and to this end put I my trust in thee.

PRAYER TO BE SAID BEFORE A CRUCIFIX.

BEHOLD, O good and most merciful Jesu, I cast myself on my knees in thy presence, and with all fervency of spirit pray and beseech thee, that thou wouldst imprint on my heart a lively sense of faith, hope, and charity, true repentance for my sins, and a stedfast purpose of amendment: so do I ponder in my heart with love and sorrow

and inwardly contemplate thy Five Wounds, having continually before my eyes that saying which thy



Prophet David put already in thy mouth, O merciful Jesu: They pierced my hands and my feet: I may tell all my bones. (*Ps.* 22.)

ASPIRATIONS OF ST. IGNATIUS TO OUR MOST HOLY REDEEMER.

Anima Christi

SOUL of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, intoxicate me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O good Jesu, hear me.
Within thy wounds hide me.
Suffer me not to be separated from thee.
From the malicious enemy defend me.
In the hour of my death call me,
And bid me come to thee,
That with thy saints I may praise thee
For ever and ever. Amen.

ACT OF SELF-OBLATION.

ACCEPT, O Lord, all my freedom; accept my memory, my understanding, and my will. All I have, and all I possess, thou hast bestowed upon me; I render back to thee the whole, and submit it to the governance of thy will. Grant me only the love of thee, together with thy grace, and I am rich enough, nor do I ask for aught besides.

PRAYER TO OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

I BESEECH thee, most dear Lord Jesu Christ, that thy passion may be my strength, to guard, protect, and defend me: that thy wounds may be my meat and drink, to feed, satisfy, and comfort me: that thy Blood may be sprinkled upon me to the washing away of all my sins: that thy death may be unto me life unfailing, thy Cross my everlasting glory. Herein let me find refreshment, rejoicing, healing, and gladness of heart: Who livest and reignest, world without end. Amen.

PRAYER TO THE WOUNDS OF CHRIST.

I PRAY thee, Lord Jesu, by thy sacred wounds, which thou didst suffer on the Cross for our salvation, whence flowed thy precious Blood, whereby we have obtained our redemption: wound this my sinful soul, for which thou hast vouchsafed even to suffer death, with the fiery dart of thy exceeding and unconquerable charity. Pierce my heart with the javelin of thy love, that my soul may say unto thee: I am sore smitten with thy love; that so from the very wound of thy love my tears

may flow without ceasing both day and night. Strike, O Lord, I beseech thee, this my stony heart with the mighty spear of thy gracious loving-kindness, piercing it to the inmost depth by thy mighty power : Who livest and reignest, world without end. Amen.

PRAYER OF ST. CAJETAN.

LOOK down, O Lord, Holy Father, from thy holy place and thy dwelling in heaven on high, and behold this sacred Host which our high priest, thy holy child Jesus, our Lord, offereth unto thee for the sins of us his brethren; and have mercy on the multitude of our iniquities. Lo, the voice of our brother Jesus' Blood calleth unto thee from the Cross. Graciously hear us, O Lord; have compassion on us, arise and help us: delay not, O God, for thine own sake because thy Name is called upon this land and upon thy people; and deal with us according to thy mercy. Amen.

That thou wouldst vouchsafe to defend and preserve in peace, to guard, save, and bless this land. We beseech thee to hear us, O Lord.

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

O MARY, Virgin and Mother most holy, behold me who have now received thy beloved Son, whom, being conceived in thy womb without spot of sin, thou didst bear and suckle, whom thou didst embrace in thy most loving arms. Lo, I now display before thee, in all humility and love, him on whom thou didst delight to gaze, being filled thereby with all delights: I offer him that thou mayest embrace him in thy arms, that thou mayest love him with

thy heart, and offer him to the most Holy Trinity, to the intent that this my worship may be for the increase of thy honour and glory, and profitable for the necessities of me and all mankind. I pray thee, therefore, most loving Mother, obtain for me the pardon of all my sins, and plenteous grace to render unto him henceforth more faithful service. Finally, I pray for perseverance in grace unto the end, that with thee I may praise him ever world without end. Amen.

PRAYER OF ST. AUGUSTINE TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

O GLORIOUS Virgin Mary, most pure and holy, worthy of all glory art thou, for that being a virgin thou wast found worthy to bear in thy holy womb the Creator of all things, and with thy paps to give him suck. Lo, I an unworthy sinner, who have received this day in very truth his sacred Body and Blood, humbly beseech thy mercy, that thou wouldst vouchsafe to plead with him for me a sinner, that whatsoever I in my unworthiness have done amiss or left undone in this holy and wonderful sacrifice by ignorance or negligence, by mischance or irreverence, in handling, receiving, or administering the same, may by thy holy intercession obtain the merciful pardon of the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord: Who liveth and reigneth with the Father and the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH.

SAINT Joseph, Defender and Father of Virgins, unto whose faithful guardianship were committed Christ Jesus, who is himself all innocence,

and Mary, Virgin of virgins: I pray and beseech thee by Jesus and Mary, thy dearly beloved charge, that thou wouldst preserve me from all uncleanness; that with undefiled mind, and in all purity of heart and body, I may henceforth serve Jesus and Mary in perfect chastity. Amen.

OF ST. FRANCIS OF SALES, BISHOP OF GENEVA.

A Prayer containing the Chief Acts of Virtue.

LORD Jesu Christ, my only Redeemer, with all my heart I adore thee, and give thee unending thanks for the great grace that thou hast bestowed upon me. And as thou art worthy of all love, so do I love thee above all things, and lament that heretofore I have not loved thee, and at the present time love thee not as thou deservest: and to fill up what is lacking in me, I offer unto thee all true adoration and thanks, all true affection and acts of love, reverence and thankfulness, that ever heretofore were rendered or at this time are rendered unto thee by thy most holy Mother, and all thy Saints and faithful servants in the company of heaven, and by the holy Church thy bride. I lament with all my heart, Lord Jesu, and will ever lament above all things, that I have at so many times and in manifold ways offended against thee, and it is intolerable unto me that I feel not that grief that thy great goodness and majesty demand. Wherefore in all lowliness I implore thy pardon, by the merits of thy most holy Passion: and in union with the same I offer unto thee myself, and all things that in the whole of this my life I shall

henceforth do or suffer, for the remission of my sins. And inasmuch as this my confidence that thou wilt pardon my sins rests in thy infinite goodness and mercy, so do I thereby beseech thee that thou wilt give me abundant grace to amend my life and persevere in thy service unto the end.

FROM THE TRACT ON THE SACRIFICE OF THE MASS OF THE VEN. JOHN BONA.

An act of love.

I LOVE thee, O Lord Jesu, my joy and my rest: I love thee, my greatest and my only good, with all my heart and with all my mind, with all my soul and with all my strength; and if thou seest me to be lacking herein, at least I desire to love thee; and if I desire it not enough, at least I desire to desire it much. Inflame my heart, O Lord, with thy burning fires, and inasmuch as thou dost ask of me nought save love, grant me what thou dost command, and command me aught thou wilt. For unless thou didst give me both to will and to do, I must perish in my weakness. I pray that thy voice, most gracious and most mighty, may sound in my ears; for if thou wilt thou canst cleanse and enlighten me, thou canst raise me to the utmost height of love. As thou hast vouchsafed to suffer and to die for me, so vouchsafe that the fruit of thy sufferings and death may be seen in me. Remember thy word unto thy servant, wherein thou hast caused me to put my trust; for thou hast said: He that eateth my Flesh and drinketh my Blood abideth in me and I in him. O Word of God, how gracious art thou: thou in me, and I in thee! What love, that

thou shouldst abide in me the most unworthy of all sinners, and I in thee the God of majesty that passeth understanding. One thing alone I need, and this alone I ask, that I may live in thee, find rest in thee, and never be separated from thee. Happy is the man that seeks thee, more happy he that possesseth thee, most happy he that endures unto the end in the possession of thee. Woe is me for the days that I spent in iniquity, loving vanity and withdrawing myself from thee! And now, O Lord, who camest into the world to save sinners, redeem, I pray thee, my soul that findeth no comfort save by trusting in thy mercies, and take away from me all things that hinder me from loving thee. Grant that all earthly delights may be removed far from me, let nothing but thee have savour or enjoyment for me. Do thou ever live and reign in me, O true lover of my soul; for all good things are found in thee, and henceforth I am ready rather to endure all evils than ever to cease from loving thee. O sacred Body, pierced with five wounds! set thyself as a seal upon my heart, and imprint thereon thy love. Seal my feet, that I may follow thy footsteps; seal my hands, that I may ever be occupied in good works; seal my side, that I may to all eternity pour forth burning love towards thee. O precious Blood, that dost cleanse and purify all men! Wash my soul and set thy sign upon my face, that I may acknowledge no lover save thee. O joy of my heart and life of my soul! as thou art in the Father and the Father is in thee, so may I by thy grace be one with thee in love and in will: let the world be crucified unto me and I unto the world. Amen.

Thanksgiving.

I GIVE thanks unto thee, most gracious God, for that thou hast vouchsafed to admit me a miserable sinner to the life-giving banquet of thy table. And who am I, who am but dust and ashes, that thou shouldst incline thy heart towards me, that thou shouldst bow thy heavens and come down to wash my uncleanness in thy undefiled Blood, to refresh and satisfy my soul that fainted with hunger, not with manna from heaven, but with thy immaculate Flesh? The whole heavens cannot contain thee, and the Angels are not clean in thy sight: and who am I, and what is my dwelling, that thou shouldst condescend to come unto me, and to be touched by my unworthy hands, and to tarry with me? What didst thou find in me, thou King of dreadful majesty, to draw thee from the temple of thy glory, and bring thee down to the depths of my wretchedness? O ye holy Angels and elect Saints of God, come hither and hearken, and I will tell you what God hath done for my soul: for when I was poor and outcast, and for the multitude of my iniquities dared not lift up my eyes unto heaven, he took me out of the dust and lifted me out of the mire, that I might sit among the princes and eat at his table all the days of my life. Render unto him my thanks, ye my most faithful friends; for I am a child, not in years but in understanding, and know not how to speak, nor can I find words wherein I may rightly extol or proclaim so bountiful a gift of grace. What love can I render for his infinite charity, that shall not be called cold and ice instead of love? What praise, what adoration, what obedience can I render, that will not be made of no

account by his infinite perfection and worthiness and my utter unworthiness? But thou, Lord, art merciful and gracious, and of infinite goodness. Thou knowest whereof I am made. Thou wilt not despise the lowliness of the thanks which in my poverty I offer unto thee, and so shall the sacrifice of my praise honour thee. Thine is the greatness and the glory and the majesty unto all eternities for so great and incomparable a gift. With me let all peoples, tribes, and languages, all thy Angels and Saints sing praise and give thanks, for that thou hast magnified thy loving-kindness towards me and thy mercy is over all thy works. Let all creatures that dwell in heaven and earth and in the deeps rejoice before thee, and render perpetual praise unto thee; that as it came forth from thee it may flow back again unto thee, the beginning and the end of all things. Let my heart and my soul rejoice before thee, my strength, my understanding, my powers, and all the members of my body: to thee alone be honour and glory, from whom and by whom and in whom are all things, who art God blessed and to be praised world without end. Amen.

OFFERING AFTER MASS.

I AM thy servant, O Lord my God, and as the bounden duty of my service, I would offer unto thee something which might be worthy and acceptable in the eyes of thy majesty: but the debt which I owe unto thee exceeds all my powers, for my debt is as great as thy worth, which is infinite. And of myself I can do nothing, I am nothing; yet by thy grace I have a gift so glorious, that thou canst in

no wise refuse it: for I have thy well-beloved Son, Jesus Christ my Lord, who has so imparted himself to me that I am in him and he in me. Wherefore in all truth I may use the words of thy prophet and say: Praise the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me praise his holy Name. For thy Son himself will worthily praise thy Name for me, he will love and glorify thee, for, being within me in this Holy Sacrament, he has been made one with me and I with him. Therefore do I offer him unto thee for an offering of incense and a sweet-smelling savour, to the increase of thy honour and glory, and in thanksgiving for all thy benefits; for the remission of my sins and those of the whole world, and to obtain for myself and all for whom I have prayed, and all for whom I am bound to pray, all succour both in things temporal and things eternal, and for the souls of all the faithful departed. Accept, O Lord, I pray thee, together with this most holy oblation, my soul and my body, all my strength and all my affections, that I may be a perpetual sacrifice ever burning to the honour of thy Majesty. Grant that henceforth I may use my members and my understanding, my powers and my life for nothing save to love and serve thee. Thou art my wisdom and my light, my strength and my stay: teach me, enlighten me, and strengthen me, that I may both know and do thy will: I offer myself to be evermore thy servant, and I resign myself entirely to thy good pleasure, casting away all care and trouble : whatever thou sufferest to befall me, I will receive most lovingly from thy divine hand. In this world and in that which is to come I desire nothing save that which thou hast appointed for me, whether it be good or evil. Let thy good pleasure

ever dwell in me and reign over me, for I desire in all my thoughts and words and deeds, and in every lightest motion to fulfil the same. Lord, thou knowest all my desire; and my groaning is not hid from thee. For I have no words wherein I may set forth my affection, but I cast myself into the fiery furnace of thy love which inflamed thee so that thou didst vouchsafe to come to me and make thy abode with me. Kindle me, O Lord, and inflame my heart, consuming my inmost parts, that I may ever be on fire with love of thee, that in thee I may live and in thee die. Amen.

PETITIONS TO BE OFFERED AFTER MASS.

LORD Jesus Christ, dear Lover of my soul, who hast refreshed me with thy spotless Body and thy most precious Blood, pardon, I pray thee, my unworthiness, and of thy mercy forgive all that I have done amiss in celebrating these holy Mysteries. I acknowledge and confess my presumption, in that I have dared to draw near to this dreadful sacrifice without due preparation, without true reverence, humility, and chastity. Look upon me with the eyes of thy mercy, and by the exceeding greatness of thy merits fill up my manifold imperfections. Alas, how often hast thou come to me to enrich with thy gifts the great poverty of my soul. Yet I have despised thee, and following the evil desires of my heart, have taken my journey into a far country. And when I had wasted all my substance in riotous living, and returned to thee naked and hungry, thou didst receive me and forget all mine iniquities. It is good for me that thou hast loved me with eternal and infinite love: for unless

thy goodness were infinite, thou couldst in no wise suffer my wretchedness. Water me with the tears that thou hast shed for me; anoint me with the myrrh of thy sorrow, bind me with thy chains, wash me with thy Blood, lift me up upon thy Cross, quicken me by thy death. Let thy love pierce my inmost heart, and drive from me all strange loves. Let all vain imaginations depart from me, and transform me wholly into thyself, that all my substance may be swallowed up in thee, and that I may find myself nowhere save in thee. Stamp on my heart the love of the Cross and of abasement, even as thou, for my salvation, wouldst not even for one moment be without the Cross. Suffer me not to depart empty from thee, but work in me thy wonders, even as thou didst work them in thy Saints: grant that I may walk in the strength of this food unto the mount of perfection. Inflame me with the fiery force of thy love, that I may be made wholly one with thee, and in all things withdrawn from myself and from all creatures. And to all thy servants, for whom I have offered this sacrifice, and for whom I am bound to pray, or for whom thou wouldst that I should ask, give peace and safety and thy heavenly benediction. Convert all poor sinners unto thee, restore all them that are in heresy and schism, enlighten the infidels that know thee not. Succour all them that are in necessity and tribulation. Have mercy on all my kindred and benefactors. Shew thy pity on all them that are my enemies, or have wronged me in anything. Succour them that have commended themselves to my prayers. Grant to the living pardon and grace: grant to the faithful departed light and rest eternal. Amen.

PRAYER TO THE SAINTS.

O ALL ye Saints of God, who living in the flesh so served the Lord, that now ye reign with him eternally, assist me, I pray, by your prayers and merits, that this heavenly bread and divine sustenance, which I have now received, may give me strength and protection against my own infirmities, and against all assaults and perils: that in the strength of this meat I may walk through the desert of this world unto the mount of God, and there rejoice with you in the continual fruition of his sweetness, and together with you praise him, world without end. Amen.

ANOTHER PRAYER TO THE SAINTS, ASKING FOR PERSEVERANCE.

I BESEECH thee, O Lord Jesu, that at the intercession of blessed Mary ever Virgin, who fell asleep in holiness, and of all the Saints who died in the Lord, by thy most holy death thou wouldst vouchsafe to grant unto me a sinner perseverance in the obeying of thy will: that it may be granted unto me to be according to thy heart, to live according to thy good pleasure, to die in thy love and in thy sweet embrace, and at length to attain unto thee. Amen.

May the divine assistance, the protection of the Mother of God, the succour of the Angels, and the prayers of all the Saints abide always with us. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE NECESSITIES OF OTHERS.

LORD God Almighty, Father of Jesus Christ thy blessed Son, the hearer of them that

rightly call upon thee, who knowest the prayers of them that are silent before thee; we give thee thanks for that thou hast deemed us worthy to be made partakers of thy holy Mysteries, which thou hast instituted that we might have full persuasion of the things we know, for the preservation of godliness, and for the remission of sins; for we are called by the Name of thy Christ. Thou who hast separated us from fellowship with the wicked, unite us with them that are consecrated unto thee; strengthen us in the truth by the coming of the Holy Ghost; reveal those things whereof we are ignorant, fill up those things wherein we are lacking, strengthen us in believing those things that we know. Preserve thy priests without fault in thy service; keep all kings in peace, all magistrates in justice, the weather in calmness, the fruits of the earth in abundance, the world in the governance of thy almighty power. Pacify the nations that delight in war; convert them that are in error; sanctify thy people; protect all virgins; preserve all husbands and wives in faith; strengthen the chaste; confirm them that are newly admitted into thy religion; teach them that are being instructed thereunto and render them worthy to be admitted; and gather us all together in the kingdom of heaven with Christ Jesus our Lord: to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be glory, honour, and worship, world without end. Amen.

FIVE THOUGHTS

Very profitable to be borne in mind before or after Communion.

1. I HATE and abhor each and all of my sins, and the sins committed by others from the

beginning of the world up to this present time, or to be committed henceforth unto the end of the world; and if it were possible for me, I would prevent them, by the help of God's grace, for which I humbly pray.

2. I praise and honour all good deeds wrought from the beginning of the world up to this present time, or to be wrought henceforth unto the end of the world: and if it were possible, I would multiply them by the help of God's grace, for which I humbly pray.

3. I intend to do, to say, and to think all things to the greater glory of God, in union with all those good intentions which the Saints have formed, or shall form, or be able to form hereafter.

4. I pardon and forgive with all my heart all my enemies, all my slanderers, and all that speak evil of me; all them that in any wise hurt me or seek to harm me.

5. I would that I could save all men by dying for every one of them. I would joyfully do so by the grace of God, for which I therefore humbly pray: for without it I can do nothing.

PRAYER OF ST. AUGUSTINE.

BEFORE thine eyes, O Lord, we lay bare our faults, and compare them to the plagues that have been laid upon us.

If we count up the wickedness that we have done, less is the evil that we suffer and greater the evil that we deserve.

Grievous are the sins we have committed and light is the burden that we bear.

We see the punishment of our transgressions, we cease not to be obstinate in transgressing.

By thy scourges our infirmity is broken, but our iniquity is not changed. Our soul is tormented by diseases, and our neck is not bowed from its stiffness.

Our life is spent in sorrow and groaning, and its works are not turned from sinning.

If thou forbearest we amend not; if thou punishest we may not endure it.

When thou chastenest we confess what we have done; when thy visitation is over we forget that we repented.

If thou stretchest forth thy hand, we promise amendment; if thou holdest back the sword we perform not our promises.

If thou smitest we call on thee to spare us; if thou sparest again we provoke thee to smite us.

Thou seest us, O Lord, sinners who confess our guilt: we know that unless thou forgivest thou wilt rightly destroy us.

O Father Almighty, who hast made us out of nothing that we should pray unto thee, mercifully grant us those things for which we pray. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

℣. O Lord, deal not with us after our sins.
℟. Neither reward us after our iniquities.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who art provoked by them that sin against thee and sparest them that are penitent: we beseech thee to look upon thy people that call upon thee, and of thy mercy turn away from us the scourges of thine anger, which by our sins we have deserved. Through Christ our Lord. ℟. Amen.

PRAYER TO BE RECITED DAILY BY PRIESTS.

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we who have received the office of priesthood may be assisted by thy grace, that we may worthily and devoutly serve thee in all purity and in a good conscience. And though we are not able to walk in such innocence of life as we ought, yet grant unto us worthily to bewail the evil that we have done, and henceforth in all lowliness and righteousness more earnestly to serve thee.

A FINAL PRAYER AFTER SAYING MASS,

Which is very effectual.

AND so, Lord Jesu Christ, this Sacrament instituted by the love of thy unsearchable godhead out of the inmost depths of thy most loving Heart, which thou hast now so graciously imparted unto me, I offer unto thee with all the love of the whole world. I offer it unto thee in union with that most excellent charity, wherewith thou, the only-begotten Son of the Almighty Father, didst pour into thy glorified Manhood all the riches of thy godhead, and offering the same in all gratitude to the Father, didst restore it to the source from which thou camest. I pray with all the yearning and affection of all creatures, that thou wilt by the power of thy most gracious spirit draw unto thyself the power of this Sacrament, unto the everlasting, immeasurable, and unchangeable glory of God; for in thy unsearchable wisdom thou knowest fully that in this wise may I rightly honour the almighty power of the Father that passes all excellence, and give joy that cannot be told to the gracious loving-

kindness of the Holy Spirit. Moreover, I offer it unto thee in full and sufficient thanksgiving for all the goodness and grace which through this Sacrament thou hast wrought and shalt hereafter work in the hearts and souls of them that receive it: and in full satisfaction for all my lack of zeal, preparations, and devotions, whereby I have received the same unworthily. Finally, I offer it for a perfect thanksgiving for thy unsearchable goodness, whereby thou hast vouchsafed to admit me who am but a vile worm to the royal banquet of thy delights. Wherefore, inasmuch as my worthlessness can in no wise make answer unto thee, I offer unto thee thy beloved Heart, which alone is worthy of thee with the worthiness of the heavenly grace that fills it, and excellent to all eternity with the perfection of every manner of blessedness. Amen.

INVOCATIONS AND PETITIONS.

O FATHER, Son, and Holy Ghost, most Holy Trinity; O Jesus, Mary, all ye blessed Angels, and all ye Saints of Paradise, grant unto me these graces, which I implore by the precious Blood of Jesus Christ.

1. Evermore to fulfil the will of God.
2. Evermore to abide in union with him.
3. Evermore to seek after God alone.
4. To love God only.
5. To do all things for God's sake.
6. To seek only the glory of God.
7. For God's sake to seek righteousness only.
8. To know perfectly my own nothingness.
9. To desire only to know the will of God.
10. (*Here ask for some special grace according to your needs.*)

MARY most holy, I pray thee offer to the everlasting Father the precious Blood of Jesus Christ, for the salvation of my soul, for the souls in prison in Purgatory, for the needs of the Holy Church, for the conversion of sinners, and, finally, for the whole world.

Say thrice Glory be *to the Most Precious Blood of Jesus Christ; once* Hail Mary *to the most sorrowful Virgin; and once* Rest eternal *for the Dead.*

PRAYER TO THE SAINT IN WHOSE HONOUR MASS HAS BEEN SAID.

O BLESSED Saint *N.*, to whose honour I have this day offered the unbloody sacrifice of the Body and Blood of Christ: grant that, by thy powerful intercession before God, I may learn so to make use of this holy mystery that I may obtain the merits of the Passion and death of the same Christ our Saviour; and that continually coming to the same holy mystery I may thereby grow in grace unto the effectual attainment of everlasting life. Amen.

OTHER PRAYERS.

PRAYER BEFORE SACRAMENTAL CONFESSION.

O MOST loving and merciful Lord Jesu Christ, the one and only hope of my soul's salvation, accept, I pray thee, my Confession, granting sorrow unto my heart and tears unto mine eyes, that I may weep day and night for all my negligences in lowliness and purity of heart. O Lord God, accept my prayers. O gracious Jesu, Saviour of the world, who didst give thyself up unto the death of the Cross, that thou mightest save sinners, look on me a miserable sinner calling on thy Name, and think not so upon the evil I have done as to forget the good that thou hast wrought ; for if I have done things meet for my damnation, thou hast not left undone enough for my salvation. Therefore do thou spare me who art my Saviour, and have pity on my sinful soul. Loosen the bonds and heal the wounds thereof. I pray thee, O most loving Lord, that by the merits of thy pure and undefiled Mother, Mary ever-Virgin, and of all thy Saints, thou wouldest send forth thy light and truth upon my soul, to shew me in truth all my transgressions whereof I ought to make confession, and to help and teach me to confess the same in fulness and with all contrition : Who livest and reignest God for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER CONFESSION.

GRANT, O Lord, I pray thee, that by the merits of thy Mother, blessed Mary ever-Virgin, and of all thy Saints, this my Confession may be acceptable unto thee : and that whatsoever now or here-

tofore hath been lacking in me in sufficiency of contrition, or in purity and integrity of confession, may be filled up by thy lovingkindness and mercy ; and according to the same grant that I may receive full and perfect forgiveness in heaven : Who livest and reignest God for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER

to be said by a Priest before hearing Confessions.

GRANT me, O Lord, the wisdom that sitteth at thy right hand, that I may judge thy people according to the right, and the poor with judgment. Grant that I may so wield the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven, that I may open to none to whom it should be shut, nor shut it to any to whom it should be opened. Give purity to my intention, sincerity to my zeal, patience to my charity, and fruit to my labours. Grant that I may be mild, yet not remiss, stern, yet not cruel. Let me neither despise the poor nor flatter the rich. Give me gentleness to draw sinners unto thee, prudence in examination, wisdom in instruction. Grant me, I pray thee, skill to turn men aside from evil, perseverance to confirm them in good, zeal to persuade them to better things : give wisdom to my answers, rightness to my counsels : give me light in darkness, a good understanding in confusion, victory in difficulties. Let no vain conversations entangle me, nor evil defile me : let me save others and not be myself cast away. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER HEARING CONFESSIONS.

O LORD JESU CHRIST, Son of the Living God, accept this performance of my ministry, with

that most worthy love wherewith thou didst absolve blessed Mary Magdalene, and all sinners that fled unto thee. And whatsoever I have done negligently or unworthily in administering this Sacrament, do thou of thy own merits fill up and satisfy. I commend each and all of them that have confessed their sins unto me to thy most loving Heart, asking thee to guard them and preserve them from returning to their sins, and after the miseries of this life to bring them with thee to everlasting happiness. Amen.

CONSECRATION OF STUDIES.
TO THE HONOUR OF THE CONCEPTION OF THE B.V.M.

O DEAREST Mother, under thy protection, and calling on the mystery of thy Conception, I desire to pursue my studies and my labours : and I do profess that for this end above all others I devote myself to them, that I may serve the honour of God and the increase of thy worship. I pray thee therefore, O most loving Mother, the seat of wisdom, graciously to assist my labours : and for my part, as is meet and right, I devoutly and willingly promise that whatsoever good success I may attain therein, to thy intercession before God will I account the same. Amen.

PRAYER OF ST. THOMAS,

which he used frequently to say, before dictating, or writing, or preaching, *as is read in the liturgical books of the Dominicans.*

CREATOR, of unspeakable power, who of the treasures of thy wisdom, hast appointed three

orders of Angels and set them above the heavens in a wonderful order, and with all perfection hast disposed all the parts of the universe ; thou, who art truly called the fount and supreme source of light and wisdom : vouchsafe, I pray thee, to pour forth upon the darkness of my understanding the bright beams of thy glory, delivering me from the double darkness of sin and ignorance, wherein I was born. Thou who makest the tongues of babes to praise thee, teach my tongue and pour upon my lips the grace of thy benediction. Give me quickness in understanding, power in remembering, method and readiness in learning, subtlety in interpreting, abundant grace in speaking ; instruct me at my going in, direct me as I go, and crown my ending : thou who art very God and very Man : Who livest and reignest world without end. Amen.

PRAYER TO ST. THOMAS, PATRON OF CATHOLIC SCHOLARS.

BLESSED Thomas, Angelic Doctor, chief of Theologians and pattern of Philosophers, glory of the Christian world and light of the Church, who art the heavenly patron of all places of Catholic learning ; who didst teach wisdom without deceit, and ungrudgingly dost impart it, pray for us to the Son of God, the true Wisdom, that the spirit of wisdom being shed upon us, we may understand aright the things which thou didst teach, and imitate faithfully the things which thou didst do ; that we may be made partakers of the doctrine and the virtue, wherein thou didst like the sun shine forth on earth ; and finally enjoy their pleasant fruits in heaven with thee, praising the Wisdom of God world without end. Amen.

PRAYER BEFORE THE MOST HOLY SACRAMENT.

O LORD JESU CHRIST, who, of thy love towards mankind, abidest day and night in this Sacrament, full of tenderness and love, awaiting, calling, and receiving all them that come unto thee to greet thee : I believe that thou art present in the Sacrament of the Altar ; out of my utter nothingness I worship thee, and give thanks unto thee, for all the benefits that thou hast bestowed upon me, and above all for that thou hast given thyself unto me in this Sacrament, that thou hast given unto me thy holy Mother Mary to be my advocate, and that thou hast summoned me to greet thee in this place.

Therefore this day I greet thy most loving Heart, and particularly to those ends I purpose to greet thee : first to thank thee for thy great gift : secondly to make atonement for all the injuries that thy enemies have done unto thee in this Sacrament ; and finally by this greeting to worship thee in all places on earth, wherein, being present in this Sacrament thou art neglected and left unworshipped.

I grieve that I have so often displeased thy infinite goodness, and purpose by the help of thy grace never to offend thee again : and in thy presence, miserable as I am, I dedicate myself wholly unto thee, I give myself wholly unto thee, and renounce all my will, my affections, my desires, and all my possessions. From henceforth do thou deal with me and all that is mine, as seemeth good to thee. I ask nothing, I desire nothing, save thy holy love, perseverance in goodness unto the end, and perfect obedience unto thy will.

I commend unto thee the souls imprisoned in purgatory, particularly those that most devoutly honoured this Most Holy Sacrament and Mary most blessed. Moreover, I commend unto thee all poor sinners. Finally, O my Saviour, I unite all my affections with the affections of thy most loving Heart, and in this union I offer them to thy everlasting Father, asking him in thy Name mercifully to accept and hear them for the love of thee. Amen.

ADORATIONS AND EXPIATORY PRAYERS.

1. I humbly adore thee, O Jesu, who art present in this Most Holy Sacrament ; I confess thee to be very God and very Man, and by this act of adoration I purpose to make atonement for the coldness of all the many Christians, who, passing before thy house, and even before the holy tabernacle, wherein thou dost vouchsafe to dwell at all hours filled with loving and impatient longing to unite thyself to thy faithful people, themselves greet thee not, nay rather by this heedlessness, like the Hebrews in the desert, shew that they loathe this heavenly manna ; and in atonement for this detestable coldness I offer unto thee the precious Blood which thou didst shed from the wound of thy left foot ; and finding in this wound rest for my spirit I repeat ten thousand times :

All thanks and praise be at all moments thine,
O Sacrament most holy, most divine.

Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be.

2. I humbly adore thee, O Jesu ; I believe that thou art present in this Most Holy Sacrament, and by this act of adoration I purpose to make atone-

ment for the many thankless Christians, who seeing thee borne to the sick to be the sustenance and comfort of their journey in passing to eternity, leave thee without escort, and scarce count thee worthy of an outward act of adoration : and in atonement for such coldness of heart, I offer unto thee the precious Blood which thou didst shed from the wound of thy right foot ; and finding in this wound rest for my spirit, I repeat ten thousand times :

All thanks and praise be at all moments thine,
O Sacrament most holy, most divine.

Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be.

3. I humbly adore thee, O Jesu, true bread of everlasting life, and by this act of adoration, I purpose to make atonement unto thee for the many wounds whereby thy Heart is daily pierced by reason of the profanation of the churches wherein thou dost vouchsafe to be present beneath the sacramental signs to receive the adoration and love of thy faithful : and in atonement for this irreverence, I offer unto thee the precious Blood which thou didst shed from the wound of thy left hand : and in this wound finding rest for my spirit I repeat unceasingly :

All thanks and praise be at all moments thine,
O Sacrament most holy, most divine.

Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be.

4. I humbly adore thee, O Jesu, living bread, who didst come down from heaven, and by this act of adoration I purpose to make atonement for the many acts of irreverence, daily committed by thy faithful, present at the celebration of thy holy Mysteries, wherein out of thy exceeding love thou

dost renew, albeit without bloodshedding, that same sacrifice, which thou hast already made perfect on the hill of Calvary for our salvation : and in atonement for such ingratitude, I offer unto thee the precious Blood, which thou didst shed from the wound of thy right hand : and finding rest therein I unite my voice with the voices of the Angels who adore thee on every side, saying with them :

All thanks and praise be at all moments thine,
O Sacrament most holy, most divine.

Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be.

5. I humbly adore thee, O Jesu, true oblation offered for the atonement of our sins, and I offer unto thee this act of adoration in satisfaction for the wrongs and sacrileges done against thee by ungrateful Christians, who presume to receive thee in Holy Communion in a state of mortal sin. In atonement for such abominable sacrileges I offer unto thee the last drops of thy precious Blood, which thou didst shed from the wound of thy sacred side : and hidden in this wound I adore thee, I bless thee, I love thee, and repeat with all souls that are devoutly minded towards the Most Holy Sacrament :

All thanks and praise be at all moments thine,
O Sacrament most holy, most divine.

Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be.

Tantum ergo.

THEREFORE we before him bending, this great Sacrament revere :
Types and shadows have their ending, for the newer rite is here :
Faith, our outward sense befriending, makes the inward vision clear,

Glory, let us give, and blessing, to the Father and the Son ;
Honour, might, and praise addressing, while eternal ages run :
Ever too his love confessing, who from both, with both, is one. Amen.

℣. Thou gavest them bread from heaven. ℟. Containing in itself all sweetness.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who in a wonderful Sacrament hast ordained unto us a memorial of thy passion : grant us, we beseech thee, so to worship the sacred mysteries of thy Body and Blood ; that we may ever feel within ourselves the fruits of thy redemption : Who livest and reignest for ever and ever. ℟. Amen.

ACT OF ADORATION ON VISITING THE MOST HOLY SACRAMENT.

WE adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee. Because by thy holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.

I adore thee, O everlasting Father, and thank thee for the infinite love, wherewith thou hast vouchsafed to send thine only-begotten Son to redeem me and be made the food of my soul. I offer unto thee all the acts of adoration and thanksgiving which the Angels and Saints in heaven render unto thee, and the souls of the righteous on earth. I praise thee, I love thee, and give thee thanks, in union with all the love, praise, and thanksgiving that thy Son himself offers unto thee in the Most Holy Sacrament ; and grant, I pray thee, that he may be acknowledged,

loved, and honoured by all men, and that he may be gratefully and worthily received in this most heavenly Sacrament.

Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be.

I adore thee, O everlasting Son, and thank thee for the infinite love, wherewith thou didst vouchsafe for my salvation to take upon thee human flesh, to be born in a manger, to be reared in the house of a carpenter, to suffer hunger, thirst, cold and heat, penances, toils, contempt, and persecution, the scourge, the thorns, the nails, and death upon the hard tree of the Cross. I give thee thanks with thy whole Church militant and triumphant for the infinite love wherewith thou hast instituted this Most Holy Sacrament to be the food of my soul. I adore thee in all the oblations consecrated throughout all the world ; and moreover I give thee thanks on behalf of all them that neither know nor thank thee. I would willingly lay down my life, if thereby I might cause thee to be known, loved, and honoured in this Sacrament of thy love, if I might prevent the irreverences and sacrileges therein committed against thee. I love thee, O Jesu, and I long to follow thee with love, and to receive thee with love, with all the pure affection of thy most holy Mother, and with all the love and perfection of thy own most pure Heart. O dearest lover of my soul, do thou operate in me, when thou comest in this Sacrament, all those good effects for which thou comest to me, and grant me rather to die than to receive thee unworthily.

Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be.

I adore thee, O everlasting Spirit, and thank thee

for the infinite love, wherewith thou hast wrought the unspeakable mystery of the Incarnation, and for the infinite charity, wherewith from the pure blood of the Virgin Mary thou didst form the most sacred body of Jesus, that in this Sacrament thou mightest give it to be the food of my soul. I pray thee to enlighten my mind, and purify my heart, and the hearts of all men, that we may know the great benefit of thy love, and worthily receive the Most Holy Sacrament.

Our Father. Hail Mary. I believe.

Therefore we, *etc., as above* (*page* 79).

PRAYER BEFORE THE TABERNACLE.

O JESU, my adorable Saviour, I come to thee, firmly believing that thou art God, and that thou art here beneath these lowly forms, as truly present as thou art in heaven. I hope in thee that as thou here thyself revealest to us the secret of thy love, so thou wilt bring us to enjoy thy unveiled presence in perfect bliss.

O my Jesu, I love thee with all my poor heart, but long to love thee more, I have so little love to offer thee. Give me thy own love wherewith to love thee.

Dear Lord, I grieve that I have sinned so often, and so grievously against thee. I grieve that I am so cold and unloving and earthly-minded, but I long to sin no more. I offer my unworthy self to thee, Lord Jesu. Let me be nothing but thy slave, have nothing but thy love, and do nothing but thy holy will. I offer to thee my lowliest and most fervent adoration. I offer to thee my heartfelt thanksgiving for thy wondrous gift in the Blessed Sacra-

ment of thy Body and Blood. I offer to thee my loving sorrow for all the dishonour and neglect shewn to thee in thy Sacrament of love.

I worship thee, O my Jesu, hidden beneath the sacramental veils. Let my life be hidden with thee in God. I worship thee, O Jesu, true and spiritual life of all who love thee. Give me grace to die to myself, and to live to thee alone, who didst die for love of me. Jesu, hidden God, I fly to thee, I cling to thee. Let me feel the beating of thy Sacred Heart, and know that thou art asking for my poor love. Let me nevermore feel aught but thy love, and let it guide me, lead me, urge me, and surround me in every thought, word, and deed. O sweetest presence of my Saviour, loving me, dying for me, living in me, be with me always. Let my heart remain ever before thy Tabernacle, ever adoring thee, and loving thee, and let thy Heart remain in me, making me ever a tabernacle of thy presence.

Dearest Jesu, thou hast made my heart for thyself : hide it within thine own divine Heart, in the Tabernacle. O sweet Heart of Jesus, I love thee, make me ever love thee more and more. Jesu, meek and lowly of heart, make our hearts like unto thy Heart. O sacred Heart of Jesus, mayest thou be known, loved, and worshipped throughout the whole world. Heart of Jesus, burning with love for us, inflame our hearts with love for thee.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us.
Mary, my Mother, pray for me.

Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be. Soul of Christ (*page* 53).

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS AND OTHERS IN HOLY ORDERS.

BELOVED JESU, who of thy wondrous loving-kindness hast called me from among thousands to thy service and the excellent dignity of the priesthood, I beseech thee to bestow on me thy heavenly aid, that I may rightly fulfil my office. I pray thee, O Lord Jesu, this day and evermore renew in me thy grace which was given me by the laying-on of hands. Almighty physician of souls, heal me in such wise that I fall not back into wickedness, that I may avoid all manner of sin: and in this wise be found pleasing in thy sight unto my life's end. Amen.

EJACULATORY PRAYER.

O GOOD Jesu, I beseech thee by the love wherewith thou dost love thy Mother, that, like as thou dost truly love her, and desire her to be loved, so thou wilt grant unto me to love her truly.

PRAYER FOR THOSE IN HOLY ORDERS, ASKING GRACE TO PRESERVE THEIR CHASTITY.

LORD JESU CHRIST, lover of my soul, the joy of my heart, nay my very heart and soul, I fall on my knees before thy face, and with a burning heart I pray and beseech thee, to give me grace to observe the vow that I solemnly made unto thee when I was admitted to be Deacon. Therefore, O dearest Jesu, grant that I may renounce all ungodliness, that I may abstain from all fleshly desires, and earthly lusts that war against the soul, and by thy help keep myself undefiled in chastity.

O Most Holy and Immaculate Mary, Virgin of

virgins, our most loving Mother, purify daily my heart and soul, obtain for me the fear of the Lord, and utter distrust in myself.

Saint Joseph, guardian of the virginity of Mary, guard my soul from all sin.

O all ye holy virgins, that follow the Lamb of God wherever he goeth, watch ever over me a sinner, that I may never sin in thought, word, or deed, nor ever be separated from the most pure Heart of Jesus. Amen.

PRAYER BEFORE AN IMAGE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

O MOST holy Virgin undefiled, Mary my Mother, to thee, the Mother of my Lord, Queen of the world, the advocate, hope, and refuge of sinners, do I, most miserable of all men, fly this day. I worship thee, O mighty Queen ; I thank thee for all the benefits that thou hast bestowed on me up to this time ; but above all, for that thou hast delivered me from the everlasting torment which I have so often deserved. I love thee, O most loving Lady, and, out of the love that I bear thee, I promise that I will ever serve thee, and do all that lieth in me to make thee loved of others also. In thee I put all my hope and all my salvation. Take me for thy servant, and receive me under the covering of thy protection, O Mother of mercy. And of thy great power in the sight of God deliver me from all temptations, or gain for me at least strength to resist them even unto death. I ask of thee true love of Jesus Christ. Through thee I hope for a happy departing from this life. I pray thee, O my Mother, by the love that thou bearest to God,

at all times, and especially in the extremity of death, to succour me. Leave me not until thou hast brought me safe to heaven, there to bless thee and sing thy mercies unto all eternity. So do I hope ; so be it done unto me.

PRAYER TO MARY, THE MOST HOLY MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL.

MOST glorious Virgin, chosen by the everlasting counsel of God to be the Mother of the eternal Word made flesh, bestower of heavenly grace and advocate of sinners, I, thy most unworthy servant, fly unto thee, beseeching thee to be my guide and comforter in this vale of tears. By the most precious Blood of thy divine Son, win for me pardon for my sins, everlasting salvation of my soul, and all things necessary to attain thereunto. Obtain for the holy Church victory over all her enemies, and for the Kingdom of Jesus Christ extension throughout all the world. Amen.

THE MEMORARE
A PRAYER OF ST. BERNARD.

REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that any who fled to thee for succour, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, unto thee do I fly, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother : to thee do I come : before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. (*Here make your request.*) O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me.

SALVE REGINA.

SALVE REGINA : Mother of Pity.
Life of us : Sweetness : Hope for us : Hail ;
Sons of Eve, exiles here
Groaning, we cry to thee,
Down in this vale of tears,
Moaning we sigh to thee.
Be thou our Advocate. None with thee fail.
Turn here those eyes of thine,
Eyes full of pity.
And, when this exile's past,
Jesus, thy Womb's blest Fruit
Shew to our sight at last.
O kindly, Holy One, Sweet Virgin Mary.

SALVE MATER MISERICORDIAE.

DEAREST Mother, Mary most merciful.
Mother of God, Mary so pitiful,
Mother of hope, Mother most beautiful,
Mother of joy, holy and wonderful,
Mary, hear us.

Mother of Jesus, Mary Comfortress,
Be thou, dear Virgin, our true joyfulness,
And when we exiles end our weariness
Grant us to share the Angels' blessedness,
Mary, hear us.

PRAYER TO THE HOLY FAMILY.

JESUS, Mary, and Joseph, I give you my heart and my soul.
Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, assist me in my last agony.
Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, may I breathe forth my soul at peace with you.

PRAYER TO OUR GUARDIAN ANGEL.

O MY Good Angel, whom God, by his divine mercy, hath appointed to be my Guardian, enlighten and protect, direct and govern me. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE CHIEF BISHOP.

℣. Let us pray for our Chief Bishop, *N.*

℟. The Lord preserve him, and keep him alive, and make him blessed upon earth, and deliver him not over into the will of his enemies.

Our Father. Hail Mary.

PRAYER TO OBTAIN A GOOD DEATH.

O MARY, conceived without stain of sin, pray for us who fly unto thee : thou that art the Refuge of sinners, and the Mother of them that are in their last agony, leave us not in the hour of our death, but obtain for us perfect sorrow, sincere contrition, the remission of our sins, grace worthily to receive the most holy Viaticum, and the strength of the Sacrament of the last Unction, whereby we may with sure confidence appear before the throne of the just but merciful Judge, our God and our Redeemer. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THOSE IN THEIR LAST AGONY.

O MOST merciful Jesu, the lover of souls, I pray thee by the agony of thy most sacred Heart, and by the sorrows of thy immaculate Mother, wash clean in thy Blood all sinners throughout the whole world, now lying in agony and appointed to die this day. Amen.

Heart of Jesus, brought to the agony of death,
have mercy on the dying.

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER, FOR THE CONVERSION OF INFIDELS.

O GOD, the everlasting maker of all things, remember that by thee were the souls of the Infidels created, and that they are fashioned after thy image and likeness. Behold, Lord, how that to thy reproach hell is filled with them. Remember that Jesus thy Son for their salvation suffered a most cruel death. No longer, O Lord, I beseech thee, suffer thy Son to be despised by them, but graciously hearkening to the prayers of thy Saints and to the Church, the Bride of thy most holy Son, remember thy lovingkindness ; and so forget their idolatry and unfaithfulness, that they with us may be brought at length to acknowledge him whom thou hast sent, even Jesus Christ our Lord, who is our salvation, our life, and our resurrection, in whom we are saved and have obtained our freedom, to whom be glory everlasting, world without end. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE CONVERSION OF AFRICA.

LET us pray likewise for the peoples of Africa in their misery, that God Almighty may at length take away the ancient curse from their hearts, granting them the blessing which may only be found in Christ Jesus our Lord and our God.

Let us pray.

O LORD JESU CHRIST, the only Saviour of all mankind, whose dominion is from the one sea to the other, and from the flood to the world's end, mercifully enlarge thy most Sacred Heart even to the miserable souls of Africa, which yet sit in

darkness, and in the shadow of death ; that by the intercession of the most pitiful Virgin Mary, thy immaculate Mother, and Saint Joseph her glorious Spouse, they may leave their idols, and falling down before thee be joined to the fold of thy holy Church. Who livest.

Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be.

PRAYER FOR ENGLAND.

O BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, Mother of God and our most gentle Queen and Mother, look down in mercy upon England thy Dowry, and upon us all who greatly hope and trust in thee. By thee it was that Jesus, our Saviour and our hope, was given unto the world ; and he has given thee to us that we might hope still more. Plead for us thy children, whom thou didst receive and accept at the foot of the Cross, O sorrowful Mother. Intercede for our separated brethren, that with us in the One True Fold they may be united to the Chief Shepherd. Pray for us all, dear Mother, that by faith fruitful in good works we may all deserve to see and serve God, together with thee, in our heavenly home. Amen.

PRAYER FROM THE ENCYCLICALS OF LEO XIII.

To be said towards the end of the year.

THOU seest, O Lord, how the winds blow on every side, and the sea rages horribly by reason of the violence of the waves. We beseech thee, who alone hast power, command the winds and the sea. Restore to mankind that true peace which the world cannot give, and orderly tran-

quillity. By thy gift and inspiration let all men return to their right order ; let them be restored to all due piety towards God, justice and charity to their neighbours, and temperance towards themselves, overcoming lust by reason. Let thy Kingdom come ; let them also, who now being far from thee labour in vain for truth and salvation, learn to be subject to thee and serve thee. In thy laws are justice and fatherly mercy : and by thy power thou givest us readiness to observe the performance of the same. The life of man is a warfare upon earth, but thou thyself beholdest the conflict, and helpest man to overcome : thou succourest him that faileth and crownest him that overcometh.

HYMNS, LITANIES, AND OTHER PRAYERS.

THE HYMN OF SS. AMBROSE AND AUGUSTINE.

Te Deum.

WE praise thee, O God : * we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship thee, * the Father everlasting.

To thee all Angels cry aloud, * the Heavens and all the Powers therein.

To thee Cherubim and Seraphim * continually do cry :

Holy, Holy, Holy * Lord God of Sabaoth.

Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty * of thy Glory.

The glorious company of Apostles * praise thee.

The goodly fellowship of the Prophets * praise thee.

The noble army of Martyrs * praise thee.

The holy Church throughout all the world * doth acknowledge thee ;

The Father * of an infinite Majesty ;

Thine honourable, true, * and only Son ;

Also the Holy Ghost, * the Comforter.

Thou art the King of Glory, * O Christ.

Thou art the everlasting Son * of the Father.

When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man, * thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.

When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, * thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God, * in the Glory of the Father.

We believe that thou shalt come, * to be our Judge.

We therefore pray thee, help thy servants, * whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious Blood.

Make them to be numbered with thy Saints * in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save thy people, * and bless thine heritage.

Govern them, * and lift them up for ever.

Day by day * we magnify thee ;

And we worship thy Name, * ever world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, * to keep us this day without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us, * have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us, * as our trust is in thee.

O Lord, in thee have I trusted : * let me never be confounded.

℣. Let us bless the Father, and the Son, with the Holy Ghost.

℟. Let us praise him and magnify him for ever.

℣. Blessed art thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven.

℟. And to be praised and exalted and magnified above all for ever.

℣. Lord, hear my prayer.

℟. And let my cry come unto thee.

℣. The Lord be with you.

℟. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hast given unto us thy servants grace, by the confession

of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity : we beseech thee ; that thou wouldest keep us steadfast in this faith, and evermore defend us from all adversities. Through Christ our Lord. ℟. Amen.

¶*As an act of thanksgiving may be added with one ending the following Prayer.*

PRAYER.

O GOD, whose mercies cannot be numbered, whose goodness passeth man's understanding, we render humble and hearty thanks to thy most gracious majesty for the gifts that thou hast bestowed upon us : humbly beseeching thy mercy, that like as thou hast at this time heard the prayers of them that call upon thee, so thou wouldest hereafter evermore dispose the way of thy servants towards the attainment of everlasting life. Through Christ our Lord. ℟. Amen.

If the above Hymn has been sung before the Most Holy Sacrament exposed, then is sung Therefore we before him bending *with the ℣. and Collect, and the blessing is given, as in the Order of Reposition* (*page* 156).

INVOCATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Hymn.

Veni Creator Spiritus.

COME, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
And lighten with celestial fire.
Thou the anointing Spirit art,
Who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.

Thy blessed Unction from above
Is comfort, life, and fire of love.
Enable with perpetual light
The dullness of our blinded sight.

Anoint and cheer our soiled face
With the abundance of thy grace.
Keep far our foes, give peace at home,
Where thou art Guide, no ill can come.

Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And thee, of both, to be but One.
That, through the ages all along,
This may be our endless song :

Praise to thy eternal merit,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

(*In Eastertide, instead of the last verse, is said:*

All praise be thine, O risen Lord,
From death to endless life restored;
All praise to God the Father be,
And Holy Ghost eternally. Amen.)

℣. O send forth thy Spirit, and they shall be made.
℟. And thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray.

GOD, who didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people, by sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort. Through Christ our Lord. ℟. Amen.

SEQUENCE.

Veni Sancte Spiritus.

COME, thou Holy Spirit, come; and from thy celestial home send thy light and brilliancy.
Come, thou father of the poor, come who givest all our store, come the soul's true radiancy.
Come, of comforters the best, of the soul the sweetest guest, sweetly and refreshingly.
Come, in labour rest most sweet, shade and coolness in the heat, comfort in adversity.
Thou who art the Light most blest, come fulfil their inmost breast, who believe most faithfully.
For without thy Godhead's dower, man hath nothing in his power, save to work iniquity.
Gently bend the stubborn will, warm to life the heart that's chill, guide who goeth erringly.
Fill thy faithful who adore, and confess thee evermore, with thy sevenfold mystery.
Here thy grace and virtue send, grant salvation in the end, and in heaven felicity. Amen.

℣. O send forth thy Spirit, and they shall be made. ℟. And thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY GOD, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit; that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name. Through Christ our Lord. ℟. Amen.

ANTIPHON.

COME, Holy Ghost: and fill the hearts of thy faithful people, and kindle in them the fire of thy love.

℣. O send forth thy Spirit, and they shall be made. ℟. And thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, that the Comforter which proceedeth from thee may enlighten our minds: and lead us as thy Son hath promised into all truth: Who liveth and reigneth with thee for ever and ever. ℟. Amen.

Or this COLLECT.

WE humbly beseech thee, O Lord, that thou wouldest send down upon our hearts the healthful Spirit of thy grace: and, that we may bring forth fruit unto thee, pour upon us the inward dew of his blessing. Through Christ our Lord. ℟. Amen.

LITANY OF THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS.

KÝRIE eléison. LORD, have mercy.
Christe eléison. Christ, have mercy.
Kýrie eléison. Lord, have mercy.

Jesu, hear us.
Jesu, graciously hear us.
O God the Father of heaven, have mercy upon us.
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us.
O God the Holy Ghost, have mercy upon us.
Holy Trinity, one God, have mercy upon us.
Jesu, Son of the living God, have mercy.
Jesu, splendour of the Father, have mercy.
Jesu, brightness of eternal light, have mercy.
Jesu, King of Glory, have mercy.

Jesu, sun of righteousness, have mercy.
Jesu, Son of the Virgin Mary, have mercy.
Jesu, most lovable, have mercy.
Jesu, most wonderful, have mercy.
Jesu, mighty God, have mercy.
Jesu, Father of the world to come, have mercy.
Jesu, Angel of great counsel, have mercy.
Jesu, most powerful, have mercy.
Jesu, most patient, have mercy.
Jesu, most obedient, have mercy.
Jesu, meek and lowly of Heart, have mercy.
Jesu, lover of purity, have mercy.
Jesu, who lovest us, have mercy.
Jesu, God of peace, have mercy.
Jesu, author of life, have mercy.
Jesu, pattern of virtues, have mercy.
Jesu, zealous lover of souls, have mercy.
Jesu, our God, have mercy.
Jesu, our refuge, have mercy.
Jesu, Father of the poor, have mercy.
Jesu, treasure of the faithful, have mercy.
Jesu, good Shepherd, have mercy.
Jesu, true light, have mercy.
Jesu, eternal wisdom, have mercy.
Jesu, infinite goodness, have mercy.
Jesu, our way and our life, have mercy.
Jesu, joy of Angels, have mercy.
Jesu, king of Patriarchs, have mercy.
Jesu, master of Apostles, have mercy.
Jesu, teacher of Evangelists, have mercy.
Jesu, strength of Martyrs, have mercy.
Jesu, light of Confessors, have mercy.
Jesu, purity of Virgins, have mercy.
Jesu, crown of all the Saints, have mercy.
Be merciful, spare us, Jesu.

Be merciful, hear us, Jesu.
From all evil, deliver us, Jesu.
From all sin, deliver us.
From thy wrath, deliver us.
From the snares of the devil, deliver us.
From the spirit of fornication, deliver us.
From everlasting death, deliver us.
From neglect of thy inspirations, deliver us.
By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation, deliver us.
By thy Nativity, deliver us.
By thine Infancy, deliver us.
By thy most divine life, deliver us.
By thy labours, deliver us.
By thine Agony and Passion, deliver us.
By thy Cross and dereliction, deliver us.
By thy pains and weariness, deliver us.
By thy death and burial, deliver us.
By thy Resurrection, deliver us.
By thine Ascension, deliver us.
By thine institution of the Most Holy Eucharist, deliver us.
By thy joys, deliver us.
By thy glory, deliver us.
Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, spare us, Jesu.
Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, hear us, Jesu.
Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us, Jesu.
Jesu, hear us.
Jesu, graciously hear us.

Let us pray.

O LORD JESU CHRIST, who hast said : Ask, and ye shall receive ; seek, and ye shall

find ; knock, and it shall be opened unto you : we beseech thee, so give now unto us that ask the affection of thy most heavenly love, that loving thee with all our hearts and all our lips and in all our works, we may never cease to glorify thy Name.

O LORD, who never failest to help and govern them whom thou dost bring up in thy steadfast fear and love : keep us, we beseech thee, under the protection of thy good providence, and make us to have a perpetual fear and love of thy holy Name : Who livest and reignest.

On Sundays and Feasts of our Lord Jesus Christ may be added, with but one ending, the following :

COLLECT.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to govern us in all our doings in the way of thy good pleasure : that we, faithfully serving thee in the Name of thy well-beloved Son, may worthily abound in all good works. Through the same Christ our Lord. ℟. Amen.

When this Litany is said in honour of the Passion and Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, there may in the same way be said :

COLLECT.

O GOD, who for our sakes didst send thy Son to suffer death upon the Cross, that thou mightest deliver us from the power of the enemy : mercifully grant to us thy servants, that we may attain unto the grace of his resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord. ℟. Amen.

When this Litany is said in honour of the Sacred Heart of our Lord Jesus Christ, one of the following may be added :

COLLECT.

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God : that we who, glorying in the most sacred Heart of thy well-beloved Son, do call to mind the excellent benefits of his love towards us, may evermore rejoice in their operation within us, and in bringing forth the fruits of the same. Through the same Christ our Lord. ℟. Amen.

WE pray thee, O Lord, that, like as thy Son Jesus Christ did from his inmost Heart send fire upon earth, and desired that it should be kindled exceedingly : so the same fire of thy Holy Spirit may inflame the hearts of us thy people. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee for ever and ever. ℟. Amen.

In prayers for the propagation of the faith, the following may be added under one ending :

COLLECT.

BEHOLD, O God our Defender, and look upon the face of thine Anointed, who gave himself a ransom for all : and grant that from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same, thy Name may be great among the heathen, and in every place a pure oblation may be offered unto thy Name. Through the same Christ our Lord. ℟. Amen.

In prayers for godly Union with the holy Childhood, may be added as above :

COLLECT.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, Lord of heaven and earth, who revealest thyself unto babes : grant that we may so rightly venerate and worthily imitate the sacred mysteries of the Childhood of thy

Son, that we may attain to the heavenly Kingdom promised to his little ones. Through the same Christ our Lord. ℟. Amen.

LITANY OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS.

KÝRIE eléison. LORD, have mercy.
Christe eléison. Christ, have mercy.
Kýrie eléison. Lord, have mercy.

O Christ, hear us.
O Christ, graciously hear us.
O God the Father of heaven, have mercy upon us.
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us.
O God the Holy Ghost, have mercy upon us.
Holy Trinity, one God, have mercy upon us.
Heart of Jesus, Son of the eternal Father, have mercy upon us.
Heart of Jesus, formed by the Holy Ghost in the womb of the Virgin Mary, have mercy.
Heart of Jesus, one in substance with the Word of God, have mercy.
Heart of Jesus, of infinite Majesty, have mercy.
Heart of Jesus, holy Temple of God, have mercy.
Heart of Jesus, Tabernacle of the Most High, have mercy.
Heart of Jesus, house of God and gate of heaven, have mercy.
Heart of Jesus, burning furnace of charity, have mercy.
Heart of Jesus, dwelling-place of righteousness and love, have mercy.
Heart of Jesus, full of goodness and love, have mercy.

Heart of Jesus, abyss of all virtues, have mercy.
Heart of Jesus, most worthy of all praise, have mercy.
Heart of Jesus, King and centre of all hearts, have mercy.
Heart of Jesus, in whom are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, have mercy.
Heart of Jesus, in whom dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead, have mercy.
Heart of Jesus, in whom the Father was well pleased, have mercy.
Heart of Jesus, of whose fulness we have all received, have mercy.
Heart of Jesus, desire of the everlasting hills, have mercy.
Heart of Jesus, patient and of great mercy, have mercy.
Heart of Jesus, rich unto all that call upon thee, have mercy.
Heart of Jesus, fount of love and holiness, have mercy.
Heart of Jesus, propitiation for our sins, have mercy.
Heart of Jesus, overwhelmed with reproaches, have mercy.
Heart of Jesus, wounded for our transgressions, have mercy.
Heart of Jesus, made obedient unto death, have mercy.
Heart of Jesus, pierced by the spear, have mercy.
Heart of Jesus, fount of all consolation, have mercy.
Heart of Jesus, our life and resurrection, have mercy.
Heart of Jesus, our peace and reconciliation, have mercy.

Heart of Jesus, victim for sinners, have mercy.
Heart of Jesus, salvation of those who hope in thee, have mercy.
Heart of Jesus, hope of those who die in thee, have mercy.
Heart of Jesus, delight of all the Saints, have mercy.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Spare us, good Lord.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Hear us, good Lord.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mercy upon us.

℣. Jesu, meek and lowly of Heart.
℟. Make our hearts like unto thy Heart.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, look upon the Heart of thy well-beloved Son, and on the praise and satisfaction ever offered thereby in the name of sinners : and to those who seek thy pity, do thou mercifully grant thy pardon, in the Name of the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord : Who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God world without end. Amen.

LITANY OF LORETTO
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

KÝRIE eléison. LORD, have mercy.
Christe eléison. Christ, have mercy.
Kýrie eléison. Lord, have mercy.
O Christ, hear us.

O Christ, graciously hear us.
O God the Father of heaven, have mercy upon us.
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us.
O God the Holy Ghost, have mercy upon us.
Holy Trinity, one God, have mercy upon us.
Holy St. Mary, pray for us sinners.
Holy Mother of God, pray.
Holy Virgin of virgins, pray.
Mother of Christ, pray.
Mother of divine grace, pray.
Mother most pure, pray.
Mother most chaste, pray.
Mother inviolate, pray.
Mother undefiled, pray.
Mother most lovable, pray.
Mother most wonderful, pray.
Mother of good Counsel, pray.
Mother of the Creator, pray.
Mother of the Saviour, pray.
Virgin most prudent, pray.
Virgin most worshipful, pray.
Virgin most renowned, pray.
Virgin most mighty, pray.
Virgin most gentle, pray.
Virgin most faithful, pray.
Mirror of righteousness, pray.
Seat of wisdom, pray.
Cause of our gladness, pray.
Vessel of the Spirit, pray.
Vessel of honour, pray.
Vessel of devotion wondrous, pray.
Mystic Rose, pray.
Tower of David, pray.
Tower of ivory, pray.

House of gold, pray.
Ark of the Covenant, pray.
Gate of heaven, pray.
Star of the morning, pray.
Salvation of the weak, pray.
Refuge of sinners, pray.
Comfortress of the afflicted, pray.
Help of Christians, pray.
Queen of Angels, pray.
Queen of Patriarchs, pray.
Queen of Prophets, pray.
Queen of Apostles, pray.
Queen of Martyrs, pray.
Queen of Confessors, pray.
Queen of Virgins, pray.
Queen of all Saints, pray.
Queen without original sin conceived, pray.
Queen of the most holy Rosary, pray.
Queen of Peace, pray.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Spare us, good Lord.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Hear us, good Lord.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mercy upon us.

℣. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
℟. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

O LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, we beseech thee to keep us thy servants both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls: that by the glorious intercession of blessed Mary Ever-Virgin we may be delivered from our present sadness and

attain in the end to everlasting gladness. Through Christ our Lord. ℟. Amen.

OTHER PRAYERS ACCORDING TO THE SEASON.

FROM ADVENT TO THE NATIVITY.

℣. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.
℟. And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

Let us pray.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts : that, as we have known the Incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an Angel ; so by his Cross and Passion we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord. ℟. Amen.

Or this Prayer.

O GOD, who didst vouchsafe that thy Word should be made flesh in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the message of an Angel : grant to us thy humble servants ; that we, believing her to be indeed the Mother of God, may by her intercession find favour in thy sight. Through the same.

FROM THE NATIVITY TO THE PURIFICATION.

℣. After Child-bearing, thou remainedst a pure Virgin.
℟. Mother of God, intercede for us.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who by the child-bearing of a pure Virgin hast bestowed upon all mankind the rewards of everlasting life : grant, we beseech thee ;

that we may know the succour of her intercession, through whom we have been found worthy to receive the author of all life, even Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. ℟. Amen.

FROM THE PURIFICATION TO EASTER.

℣. Vouchsafe that I may praise thee, hallowed Maiden.

℟. Give me strength against thy enemies.

Let us pray.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, mercifully to assist our infirmities: that like as we do now commemorate the holy Mother of God, so by the succour of her intercession we, being dead to our iniquities, may serve thee in newness of life. Through the same Christ our Lord. ℟. Amen.

IN EASTERTIDE.

℣. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia.

℟. For the Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who by the resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ hast vouchsafed to give joy unto the world: grant, we beseech thee; that at the intercession of his Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may attain the joys of life eternal. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

OTHER PRAYERS FOR VARIOUS FESTIVALS.

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

℣. This day we glorify the immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

℟. Who with virgin foot did crush the serpent's head.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who didst cause the blessed Virgin to be conceived without stain of sin, that she might be made a dwelling-place meet for thy Son : we beseech thee ; that like as thou, foreseeing the merits of the death of the same thy Son, didst preserve her from all defilement, so thou wouldest suffer us in purity of heart to attain unto thee. Through the same Christ our Lord. ℟. Amen.

THE ANNUNCIATION.

℣. Hail Mary, full of grace.
℟. The Lord is with thee.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who didst vouchsafe that thy Word should be made flesh in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the message of an Angel : grant to us thy humble servants ; that we, believing her to be indeed the Mother of God, may by her intercession find favour in thy sight. Through the same Christ our Lord. ℟. Amen.

THE ASSUMPTION.

℣. Highly exalted is the holy Mother of God.
℟. Above all the choirs of Angels in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Let us pray.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, mercifully to forgive the sins of thy people : that we, who of ourselves can do nothing that is acceptable unto thee, may be succoured by the intercession of the Mother of thy Son : Who liveth and reigneth with thee world without end. ℟. Amen.

THE PURE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

℣. Rejoice with all thy heart, O daughter of Jerusalem.

℟. The Lord, the King of Israel, is in the midst of thee.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who in the Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary didst make ready a dwelling-place meet for thy Holy Spirit: mercifully grant; that, like as we do now devoutly honour the festival of the same her most pure Heart, so we may be enabled by thy grace to live according to the pleasure of thy Heart. Through Christ our Lord. ℟. Amen.

THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

℣. This day we celebrate the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

℟. Whose glorious life enlightens all the churches.

Let us pray.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, pour into our hearts the abundance of thy heavenly grace: that like as the child-bearing of the Blessed Virgin Mary was unto us thy servants the beginning of our salvation, so the devout observance of her Nativity may avail for the increasing of our peace. Through Christ our Lord. ℟. Amen.

THE MOST HOLY ROSARY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

℣. Queen of the most holy Rosary, pray for us.

℟. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

O GOD, whose only-begotten Son, by his life, death, and resurrection, hath obtained for us the rewards of everlasting salvation : grant, we beseech thee ; that we, recalling these mysteries in the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, may both follow the examples and attain to the benefits that thou dost shew forth therein. Through the same Christ our Lord. ℟. Amen.

ANOTHER VERSION OF THE LITANY OF LORETTO OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

KÝRIE eléison.
Christe eléison.
Kýrie eléison.

LORD, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

O Christ, hear us.
O Christ, graciously hear us.

GOD the Father, God the Son,
Holy Spirit, with them God,
Ever three and ever one,
Grant us, Lord, thy mercy.

Holy Mary, Mother blest,
Of the everlasting God,
Of all Virgins holiest,
Ora pro nobis.
(*Or*, Pray for us poor sinners.)

Mother of our Saviour Christ,
Mother of all grace divine,
Mother, purest and most chaste,
Ora pro nobis.

Mother, holy, undefiled,
Mother loving and beloved,
Mother, wondrous in thy Child,
Ora pro nobis.

Mother, who wast meet to bear
Him who made thee and the world,
Mother of our Saviour dear,
Ora pro nobis.

Virgin of most prudent mind,
Virgin meet to be revered,
Virgin blest by all mankind,
Ora pro nobis.

Virgin mighty in thy prayer,
Virgin tender in thy love,
Faithful, passing all compare,
Ora pro nobis.

Mirror of God's righteousness,
Seat of wisdom infinite,
Cause of all joyfulness,
Ora pro nobis.

Vessel of the Spirit fair,
Vessel unto honour made,
Vessel of devotion rare,
Ora pro nobis.

Rose, that in the heavenly bower,
Mystic, givest fragrance sweet,
Tower of David, ivory tower,
Ora pro nobis.

House of Gold that gleams afar,
Ark of our New Covenant,
Heaven's Portal, Morning Star,
Ora pro nobis,

Health of those to sickness born,
Sinners' refuge, Christians' aid,
Comforter of those who mourn,
Ora pro nobis.

Queen, above the Angels throned,
Queen of Patriarchs and of Seers,
Queen by Christ's Apostles owned,
Ora pro nobis.

Queen of Martyrs in thy grief,
Queen of all Confessors brave,
Queen of holy Virgins chief,
Ora pro nobis.

Queen of all the Saints on high,
Queen conceived without a stain,
Queen of the holy Rosary,
Ora pro nobis.

Queen of Peace and Unity,
Ora pro nobis.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Spare us, good Lord.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Hear us, good Lord.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mercy upon us.

℣. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
℟. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

O LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, we beseech thee to keep us thy servants both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls: that by the glorious intercession of blessed Mary Ever-Virgin we may be delivered from our present sadness and

attain in the end to everlasting gladness. Through Christ our Lord. ℟. Amen.

Other Prayers for various occasions as above.

LITANY OF ALL SAINTS.

KÝRIE eléison. LORD, have mercy.
Christe eléison. Christ, have mercy.
Kýrie eléison. Lord, have mercy.

O Christ, hear us.
O Christ, graciously hear us.
O God the Father of heaven, have mercy upon us.
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us.
O God the Holy Ghost, have mercy upon us.
Holy Trinity, one God, have mercy upon us.
Holy St. Mary, pray for us sinners.

Holy Mother of God,	pray.
Holy Virgin of virgins,	pray.
Holy St. Michael,	pray.
Holy St. Gabriel,	pray.
Holy St. Raphael,	pray.
All ye holy Angels and Archangels,	pray.
All ye holy orders of blessed Spirits,	pray.
Holy St. John the Baptist,	pray.
Holy St. Joseph,	pray.
All ye holy Patriarchs and Prophets,	pray.
Holy St. Peter,	pray.
Holy St. Paul,	pray.
Holy St. Andrew,	pray.
Holy St. James,	pray.
Holy St. John,	pray.
Holy St. Thomas,	pray.
Holy St. James,	pray.
Holy St. Philip,	pray.

Holy St. Bartholomew, pray.
Holy St. Matthew, pray.
Holy St. Simon, pray.
Holy St. Jude, pray.
Holy St. Matthias, pray.
Holy St. Barnabas, pray.
Holy St. Luke, pray.
Holy St. Mark, pray.
All ye holy Apostles and Evangelists, pray.
All ye holy Disciples of the Lord, pray.
All ye holy Innocents, pray.
Holy St. Stephen, pray.
Holy St. Lawrence, pray.
Holy St. Vincent, pray.
Holy St. Fabian and St. Sebastian, pray.
Holy St. John and St. Paul, pray.
Holy St. Cosmas and St. Damian, pray.
Holy St. Gervase and St. Protas, pray.
All ye holy Martyrs, pray.
Holy St. Sylvester, pray.
Holy St. Gregory, pray.
Holy St. Ambrose, pray.
Holy St. Augustine, pray.
Holy St. Jerome, pray.
Holy St. Martin, pray.
Holy St. Nicholas, pray.
All ye holy Bishops and Confessors, pray.
All ye holy doctors, pray.
Holy St. Anthony, pray.
Holy St. Benedict, pray.
Holy St. Bernard, pray.
Holy St. Dominic, pray.
Holy St. Francis, pray.
All ye holy Priests and Levites, pray.
All ye holy Monks and Hermits, pray.

Holy St. Mary Magdalene, pray.
Holy St. Agatha, pray.
Holy St. Lucy, pray.
Holy St. Agnes, pray.
Holy St. Cecilia, pray.
Holy St. Catherine, pray.
Holy St. Anastasia, pray.
All ye holy Virgins and Widows, pray.
All ye holy Saints of God, intercede for us sinners.
Be thou merciful, Spare us, good Lord.
Be thou merciful, Hear us, good Lord.
From all evil, good Lord deliver us.
From all deadly sin, good Lord.
From thine anger, good Lord.
From sudden and unrepentant death, good Lord.
From the crafts and assaults of the devil, good Lord.
From anger, and hatred, and all uncharitableness, good Lord.
From the spirit of fornication, good Lord.
From lightning and tempest, good Lord.
From the peril of earthquake, good Lord.
From pestilence, famine, and battle, good Lord.
From everlasting damnation, good Lord.
By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation, good Lord.
By thine Advent and Nativity, good Lord.
By thy Baptism and holy Fasting, good Lord.
By thy Cross and Passion, good Lord.
By thy precious Death and Burial, good Lord.
By thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension, good Lord.
By the coming of thy Holy Ghost the Comforter, good Lord.
In the hour of death and in the day of judgment, good Lord.

We sinners, beseech thee to hear us.
That it may please thee to spare us, we beseech thee to hear us.
That it may please thee to have mercy upon us, we beseech thee to hear us.
That it may please thee to give us true repentance, we beseech.
That it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church, we beseech.
That it may please thee to preserve the household of the Apostles, and all orders in the Church in thy true religion, we beseech.
That it may please thee to overthrow the enemies of thy holy Church, we beseech.
That it may please thee to bestow on all Christian kings and princes true peace and concord, we beseech.
That it may please thee to give to all Christian nations both peace and unity, we beseech.
That it may please thee to strengthen and preserve us in true worshipping of thee, we beseech.
That it may please thee to endue our hearts with heavenly desires, we beseech.
That it may please thee to bestow on all our benefactors thine everlasting benefits, we beseech.
That it may please thee to deliver from eternal damnation our souls, and the souls of our brethren, kindred, and benefactors, we beseech.
That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the kindly fruits of the earth, we beseech.
That it may please thee to bestow upon all thy faithful rest eternal, we beseech.
That it may please thee graciously to hear our prayer, we beseech.
Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Spare us, good Lord.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Hear us, good Lord.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mercy upon us.
O Christ, hear us.
O Christ, graciously hear us.
Kýrie eléison. Christe eléison. Kýrie eléison.
Our Father (*secretly*).

℣. And lead us not into temptation. ℟. But deliver us from evil.

Psalm 70.

Deus in adjutorium.

HASTE thee, O God, to deliver me : * make haste to help me, O God.

Let them be ashamed and confounded that seek after my soul : * let them be turned backward and put to confusion that wish me evil :

Let them for their reward be soon brought to shame, * that cry over me : There, there.

But let all those that seek thee be joyful and glad in thee, * and let all such as delight in thy salvation say alway : The Lord be praised.

As for me, I am poor and in misery : * haste thee unto me, O God.

Thou art my helper and my redeemer : * O Lord, make no long tarrying.

Glory be. As it was.

℣. O Lord, save thy servants.
℟. Which put their trust in thee.
℣. Be unto us, O Lord, a strong tower.
℟. From the face of the enemy.

℣. Suffer not the enemy to do us violence.
℟. Nor the son of wickedness to hurt us.
℣. O Lord, deal not with us after our sins.
℟. Neither reward us after our iniquities.
℣. Let us pray for *N.*, our Pontiff.
℟. The Lord preserve him and keep him alive and make him blessed upon earth : and deliver him not over into the will of his enemies.
℣. Let us pray for our benefactors.
℟. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to render unto them that do good to us for thy Name's sake life everlasting. Amen.
℣. Let us pray for the faithful departed.
℟. Grant them, O Lord, eternal rest, and let light perpetual shine upon them.
℣. May they rest in peace.
℟. Amen.
℣. Let us pray for our brethren who are absent from us.
℟. O Lord, save thy servants that put their trust in thee.
℣. Send them help, O Lord, from thy holy place.
℟. And strengthen them out of Sion.
℣. Lord, hear my prayer.
℟. And let my cry come unto thee.
℣. The Lord be with you.
℟. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O GOD, whose nature and property is ever to have mercy and to forgive : receive our humble petitions ; and though we be tied and bound by the chain of our sins, yet let the pitifulness of thy great mercy loose us.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, mercifully to hear the prayers of thy humble servants, and to forgive the sins of them that confess the same unto thee : that they may obtain of thy lovingkindness pardon and peace.

O LORD, we pray thee, shew forth upon us thy servants the abundance of thy unspeakable mercy : that we may be delivered from the chain of our sins, and from the punishment which for the same we have most righteously deserved.

O GOD, who art wroth with them that sin against thee, and sparest them that are penitent : we beseech thee to hear the prayers of thy people that call upon thee ; that we, which have most justly deserved the scourges of thine anger, may by thy great mercy be delivered from the same.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, we beseech thee to have compassion upon *N.*, our Pontiff, and by thy mercy govern him in the way of everlasting life : that, being endued with thy grace, he may ever seek those things that are pleasing unto thee, and with his whole strength perform the same.

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed : give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give ; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness.

GRANT, O Lord, we pray thee, that the fire of thy Holy Spirit may in such wise cleanse our reins and our hearts : that we serving thee in pureness both of body and soul may be found an acceptable people in thy sight.

O GOD, the Creator and Redeemer of all them that believe : grant unto the souls of thy servants and handmaidens the remission of all their sins ; that, as they have ever desired thy merciful pardon, so by the supplications of their brethren they may receive the same.

PREVENT us, O Lord, in all our doings with thy most gracious favour, and further us with thy continual help : that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name, and finally by thy mercy obtain everlasting life.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hast dominion both of the quick and of the dead, who likewise hast mercy upon all men, whom by reason of their faith and works thou hast foreknown : we commend unto thee all those for whom we now do offer our prayers, whether in this world they still be held in the bonds of the flesh, or being delivered therefrom have passed into that which is to come ; beseeching thee that at the intercession of all thy Saints they may of thy bountiful goodness obtain the remission of all their sins. Through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord : Who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. ℟. Amen.

℣. The Lord be with you.

℟. And with thy spirit.

℣. May the Almighty and Merciful Lord graciously hear us.

℟. Amen.

℣. And may the souls of the faithful through the mercy of God rest in peace.

℟. Amen.

THE ENGLISH LITANY.

O GOD the Father of heaven :
Have mercy upon us miserable sinners.
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world :
Have mercy upon us miserable sinners.
O God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son :
Have mercy upon us miserable sinners.
O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three Persons and one God :
Have mercy upon us miserable sinners.
Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers ; neither take thou vengeance of our sins : spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious Blood, and be not angry with us for ever.
Spare us, good Lord.
From all evil and mischief ; from sin, from the crafts and assaults of the devil ; from thy wrath, and from everlasting damnation,
Good Lord, deliver us.
From all blindness of heart ; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy ; from envy, hatred, and malice, and all uncharitableness, good Lord.
From fornication, and all other deadly sin ; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil, good Lord.
From lightning and tempest, from plague, pestilence, and famine ; from battle and murder, and from sudden death, good Lord.
From all sedition, privy conspiracy, and rebellion ; from all false doctrine, heresy, and schism ; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and Commandment, good Lord.

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation ; by thy holy Nativity and Circumcision ; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation, good Lord.

By thine Agony and bloody Sweat ; by thy Cross and Passion ; by thy precious Death and Burial ; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension ; and by the coming of the Holy Ghost, good Lord.

In all time of our tribulation ; in all time of our wealth ; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment, good Lord.

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God ; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church universal in the right way ;

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to keep and strengthen in the true worshipping of thee, in righteousness and holiness of life, thy Servant *N.*, our most gracious King and Governor ; we beseech.

That it may please thee to rule his heart in thy faith, fear, and love, and that he may evermore have affiance in thee, and ever seek thy honour and glory ; we beseech.

That it may please thee to be his defender and keeper, giving him the victory over all his enemies ; we beseech.

That it may please thee to bless and preserve our gracious Queen, *N.*, *N.*, the Queen Mother, *N.*, Prince of Wales, and all the Royal Family ; we beseech.

That it may please thee to illuminate all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word ; and that both by their preaching and living they may set it forth, and shew it accordingly ; we beseech.

That it may please thee to endue the Lords of the

Council, and all the Nobility, with grace, wisdom, and understanding ; we beseech.

That it may please thee to bless and keep the Magistrates, giving them grace to execute justice, and to maintain truth ; we beseech.

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people ; we beseech.

That it may please thee to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord ; we beseech.

That it may please thee to give us an heart to love and dread thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments ; we beseech.

That it may please thee to give to all thy people increase of grace to hear meekly thy Word, and to receive it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit ; we beseech.

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived ; we beseech.

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; and to comfort and help the weak-hearted ; and to raise up them that fall ; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet ; we beseech.

That it may please thee to succour, help, and comfort, all that are in danger, necessity, and tribulation ; we beseech.

That it may please thee to preserve all that travel by land or by water, all women labouring of child, all sick persons, and young children ; and to shew thy pity upon all prisoners and captives ; we beseech.

That it may please thee to defend, and provide for, the fatherless children, and widows, and all that are desolate and oppressed ; we beseech.

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all men ; we beseech.
That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts ; we beseech.
That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the kindly fruits of the earth, so as in due time we may enjoy them ; we beseech.
That it may please thee to give us true repentance ; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances ; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word ; we beseech.
Son of God :
We beseech thee to hear us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world : grant us thy peace.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world : have mercy upon us.
O Christ, hear us.
O Christ, hear us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Our Father, etc.
℣. And lead us not into temptation.
℟. But deliver us from evil. Amen.
℣. O Lord, deal not with us after our sins.
℟. Neither reward us after our iniquities.

Let us pray.

O GOD, merciful Father, that despisest not the sighing of a contrite heart, nor the desire of such as be sorrowful ; mercifully assist our prayers that we make before thee in all our troubles and

adversities, whensoever they oppress us ; and graciously hear us, that those evils, which the craft and subtilty of the devil or man worketh against us, be brought to nought ; and by the providence of thy goodness they may be dispersed ; that we thy servants, being hurt by no persecutions, may evermore give thanks unto thee in thy holy Church ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ℟. Amen.

℟. O Lord, arise, help us, and deliver us for thy Name's sake.

℣. O God, we have heard with our ears, and our fathers have declared unto us, the noble works that thou didst in their days, and in the old time before them.

℟. O Lord, arise, help us, and deliver us for thine honour.

Glory be to the Father. As it was in the beginning.

From our enemies defend us, O Christ.

Graciously look upon our affiictions.

Pitifully behold the sorrows of our hearts.

Mercifully forgive the sins of thy people.

Favourably with mercy hear our prayers.

O Son of David, have mercy upon us.

Both now and ever vouchsafe to hear us, O Christ.

Graciously hear us, O Christ : graciously hear us, O Lord Christ.

℣. O Lord, let thy mercy be shewed upon us.

℟. As we do put our trust in thee.

Let us pray.

WE humbly beseech thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities ; and for the glory of thy Name turn from us all those evils that

we most righteously have deserved ; and grant, that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in thy mercy, and evermore serve thee in holiness and pureness of living, to thy honour and glory ; through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord. ℟. Amen.

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests : fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them ; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. ℟. Amen.

2 *Corinthians*, 13.

The grace ✠ of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. ℟. Amen.

THE ANTHEMS.

FROM ADVENT TO CANDLEMAS.

Alma Redemptoris Mater.

MOTHER, whose breast hath nursed God's Son, Heav'n's Gate ever open,
Star of the sea, help thou from on high thy people that falleth,
Falleth, yet fain through thee would arise : thou, who wast enabled—
Nature saw and marvell'd—to bring forth him that begat thee :
Virgin that wert, and Virgin that art, whom the lips of the Angel
Hail'd all women above, shew forth thy mercy on sinners.

IN ADVENT.

℣. The Angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary.
℟. And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

Let us pray.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts : that as we have known the Incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an Angel ; so by his Cross and Passion we may be brought unto the glory of his Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord. ℟. Amen.

FROM CHRISTMAS TO CANDLEMAS.

℣. After child-bearing thou remainedst a pure Virgin.
℟. Mother of God, intercede for us.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who by the child-bearing of a pure Virgin, hast bestowed upon all mankind the rewards of everlasting life : grant, we beseech thee, that we may know the succour of her intercession, through whom we have been found worthy to receive the Author of all life, even Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. ℟. Amen.

FROM CANDLEMAS TO EASTER.

Ave, Regina coelorum.

Hail thee, Queen of Heaven highest,
David's root that never diest,
Queen of Angels, Gate whence morning
Came to our dark world's adorning :

Hail thee, Virgin most renownèd,
Past all else in beauty crownèd,
Fare thee well, of women fairest,
Pray for us to him thou barest.

℣. Vouchsafe that I may praise thee, O hallowed Maiden.

℟. Grant me strength against thine enemies.

Let us pray.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, mercifully to assist our infirmity : that like as we do now commemorate blessed Mary ever-Virgin, Mother of God; so by the help of her intercession we may die to our former sins and rise again to newness of life. Through the same Christ our Lord. ℟. Amen.

FROM EASTER TO TRINITY.

Regina coeli.

JOY to thee, O Queen of Heaven ! Alleluia !
He whom thou wast meet to bear : Alleluia.

As he promised hath arisen : Alleluia.
Pour for us to God thy prayer : Alleluia.
℣. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary : Alleluia.
℟. For the Lord hath risen indeed : Alleluia.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who by the resurrection of thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ hast given joy unto the world : grant we beseech thee ; that through his Mother the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life : Through the same Christ our Lord. ℟. Amen.

FROM TRINITY TO ADVENT.

Salve Regina.

HAIL, holy Queen, Mother of Mercy. Hail our life, our sweetness, and our hope ! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us. And after this our exile, shew unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus, O gentle, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

℣. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

℟. That we may become worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY, everlasting God, who by the co-operation of the Holy Ghost didst prepare the body and soul of the glorious Virgin-Mother Mary to become a dwelling-place meet for thy Son : grant that as we rejoice in her commemoration ; so by her fervent intercession we may be delivered from present evils and from everlasting death : Through the same Christ our Lord. ℟. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR LENT.

PRAYERS IN HONOUR OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

When the Gradual of the Passion, or other Prayers approved by the Ordinary, are said in the presence of the congregation before the Most Holy Sacrament exposed, then, after these prayers are finished : or when the Stations of the Cross take place, and this is finished, and the Blessed Sacrament has been exposed, the following Antiphon is recited or sung by the Choir.

CHRIST became obedient unto death, even the death of the Cross.

℣. We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee.

℟. For by thy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.

And one of the following Prayers is said.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY GOD, we beseech thee graciously to behold this thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the Cross : Who now liveth and reigneth with thee.

Another COLLECT. Let us pray.

O GOD, who by the precious Blood of thine only-begotten Son hast vouchsafed to sanctify the Cross to be the sign of our redemption : grant us, we beseech thee ; so joyfully to honour

that holy Cross, that we may evermore rejoice in thy protection. Through the same.

Another COLLECT. Let us pray.

O LORD JESU CHRIST, Son of the living God, who at the sixth hour for the redemption of the world wast lifted up upon the Cross of shame, and didst vouchsafe to shed thy precious Blood for the remission of our sins : we humbly beseech thee ; that, after this our life on earth, thou wouldest grant unto us joyfully to enter the gates of Paradise: Who livest and reignest.

Before the Benediction after the Hymn Therefore we before him bending (*page* 148) *no Prayer is to be added to the Prayer* O God, who in a wonderful Sacrament (*page* 149).

PRAYERS IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS.

SEQUENCE.

Stabat Mater dolorosa.

BY the Cross her station keeping,
Stood the mournful Mother weeping,
Where he hung, her dying Lord.

For her soul, of joy bereavèd,
Torn with anguish, deeply grievèd,
Felt the sharp and piercing Sword.

O, how sad and sore distressèd
Then was she, that Mother blessèd
Of the sole-begotten One.

Deep the woe of her affliction
  When she saw the Crucifixion
  Of her ever-glorious Son.

Who, on Christ's dear Mother gazing,
  Torn by anguish so amazing,
  Born of woman, would not weep ?

Who, on Christ's dear Mother thinking,
  Such a cup of sorrow drinking,
  Would not share her sorrow deep ?

For his people's sins chastisèd,
  She her Jesus saw despisèd,
  Torn with nails, with thorns entwined,

Saw her Son from judgment taken
  And in death by all forsaken
  Till his spirit he resigned.

Mother, fount of all devotion,
  Stir in me thy grief's emotion,
  Let my tears be joined with thine.

Let my heart be always burning,
  Still for love of Jesus yearning,
  Let his will be found in mine.

True repentance, Mother, win me ;
  Print my Saviour's wounds within me,
  Brand them on my stubborn heart.

As he bought, through tribulation,
  In his Passion, my salvation,
  Let me bear therein my part.

Let me mourn with thee beside him
  For the sins which crucified him,
  While my life remains in me.

Take beneath the Cross my station,
And in all thy desolation
So unite myself with thee.

Virgin, great beyond all other,
Turn not from me, gentle Mother,
Let me too bewail thy Son;

Let my soul, his death declaring,
His unsparing Passion sharing,
Count his bruises one by one.

Let the Five Wounds penetrate me :
May the Cross inebriate me
And thy Son's most precious Blood :

Lest I burn in hell's damnation,
Virgin, be my consolation
At the judgment-seat of God.

Jesu, when earth's troubles leave me,
Through thy Mother's prayers receive me
To the crown of victory;

When my body lies forsaken,
May my soul by him be taken
Into heaven's high company. Amen.

℣. Pray for us, most sorrowful Virgin.
℟. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

O LORD JESU CHRIST, we pray thee : that thy Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, whose sacred soul was in the hour of thy Passion pierced by a sword of sorrow ; may both now and in the hour of our death stand before thee to obtain for

us the succour of thy mercy : Who livest and reignest, world without end.

After the Hymn Therefore we before him bending (*page* 148) *is to be said only the Prayer of the Most Holy Sacrament* (*page* 149).

PENITENTIAL PRAYERS.

Psalm 51.

Miserere mei, Deus.

HAVE mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness : * according to the multitude of thy mercies do away mine offences.

Wash me throughly from my wickedness : * and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my faults : * and my sin is ever before me.

Against thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight : * that thou mightest be justified in thy saying, and clear when thou art judged.

Behold, I was shapen in wickedness : * and in sin hath my mother conceived me.

But lo, thou requirest truth in the inward parts: * and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.

Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean : * thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness: * that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

Turn thy face from my sins : * and put out all my misdeeds.

Make me a clean heart, O God : * and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence : * and take not thy holy Spirit from me.

O give me the comfort of thy help again : * and stablish me with thy free Spirit.

Then shall I teach thy ways unto the wicked : * and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, thou that art the God of my health : * and my tongue shall sing of thy righteousness.

Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord : * and my mouth shall shew thy praise.

For thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it thee : * but thou delightest not in burnt-offerings.

The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit : * a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt thou not despise.

O be favourable and gracious unto Sion : * build thou the walls of Jerusalem.

Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness, with the burnt-offerings and oblations : * then shall they offer young bullocks upon thine altar.

Glory be. As it was.

Then is said :

℣. O Lord, deal not with us after our sins. ℟. Neither reward us after our iniquities.

℣. Lord, hear my prayer. ℟. And let my cry come unto thee.

℣. The Lord be with you. ℟. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who art wroth with them that sin against thee, and sparest them that are penitent : we beseech thee to hear the prayers of thy people that call upon thee ; that we, which have most justly deserved the scourges of thine

anger, may by thy great mercy be delivered from the same. Through Christ our Lord. ℟. Amen.

Or else the Collect is said as in Evensong of the Feria occurring.

After the Hymn Therefore we before him bending (*page* 148) *is said the Collect of the Most Holy Sacrament* (*page* 149), *and no other is added.*

OTHER PENITENTIAL PRAYERS.

O MOST mighty God, and merciful Father, who hast compassion upon all men, and hatest nothing that thou hast made ; who wouldest not the death of a sinner, but that he should rather turn from his sin, and be saved ; Mercifully forgive us our trespasses ; receive and comfort us, who are grieved and wearied with the burden of our sins. Thy property is always to have mercy ; to thee only it appertaineth to forgive sins. Spare us therefore, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed ; enter not into judgment with thy servants, who are vile earth, and miserable sinners ; but so turn thine anger from us, who meekly acknowledge our vileness, and truly repent us of our faults, and so make haste to help us in this world, that we may ever live with thee in the world to come. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. ℟. Amen.

TURN thou us, O good Lord, and so shall we be turned. Be favourable, O Lord, Be favourable to thy people, Who turn to thee in weeping, fasting, and praying. For thou art a merciful God, Full of compassion, Long-suffering, and of great pity. Thou sparest when we deserve punishment, And in thy wrath thinkest upon mercy. Spare thy people, good Lord, spare them, And let

not thine heritage be brought to confusion. Hear us, O Lord, for thy mercy is great, And after the multitude of thy mercies look upon us ; Through the merits and mediation of thy blessed Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. ℟. Amen.

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS.

BEFORE THE ALTAR.

O JESUS, our adorable Saviour, behold us kneeling at thy feet, imploring thy mercy for ourselves and for the souls of all the faithful departed. Vouchsafe to apply to us the infinite merits of thy Passion, on which we are now about to meditate. Grant that, while we trace this path of sighs and tears, our hearts may be so moved by contrition and repentance, that we may be ready to meet with joy all the sufferings and humiliations of this pilgrimage on earth.

℣. O Lord, open thou our lips.
℟. And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.
℣. O God, make speed to save us.
℟. O Lord, make haste to help us.
℣. Glory be.
℟. As it was in the beginning.

BEFORE EACH STATION

Genuflect and say :

℣. We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee.
℟. Because by thy holy Cross, thou hast redeemed the World.

Then follows a Prayer such as the one given after

each of the following Stations, and then an Act of Contrition, such as :

O MY GOD, because thou art so good, I am very sorry that I have sinned against thee, and I will not sin again.

Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be.

℣. Lord, have mercy upon us. ℟. Have mercy upon us.

℣. ✠ May the souls of the faithful, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

℟. Amen.

BETWEEN THE STATIONS.

HOLY Mother ! pierce me through,
In my heart each Wound renew,
Of my Saviour crucified.

Or,

FROM pain to pain, from woe to woe,
With loving hearts and footsteps slow,
To Calvary with Christ we go.

See how his precious Blood
At every Station pours ;
Was ever grief like his ?
Was ever sin like ours ?

PRAYERS AT THE STATIONS.

I. JESUS CHRIST IS CONDEMNED.

WE know that it was for us that thou didst suffer, O blessed Jesu. Teach us to hate our sins and to gain thy pardon.

II. JESUS RECEIVES THE CROSS.

O JESU! grant us, by virtue of thy Cross, cheerfully to face the trials of our Christian calling, and to be ready to take up our cross and follow thee.

III. JESUS FALLS THE FIRST TIME.

O JESU! who for our sins didst bear the Cross, may the thought of thy sufferings make us watchful and save us from sin.

IV. JESUS IS MET BY HIS MOTHER.

O JESU! by the compassion which thou didst feel for thy Mother, have compassion on us, and give us a share in her prayers.

O Mary, remember thy sorrow and pray for us.

V. THE CROSS IS LAID UPON SIMON OF CYRENE.

O LORD JESU! make us want to share thy Cross; may we never shrink from suffering, but rejoice to be counted worthy to suffer for thee.

VI. THE FACE OF JESUS IS WIPED BY VERONICA.

O JESU! may the contemplation of thy sufferings kindle in our hearts more fervent desire to serve thee.

VII. JESUS FALLS A SECOND TIME UNDER THE CROSS.

O JESU, falling again under the burden of our sins, how often have we grieved thee. Make us ready to die rather than ever offend thee again.

VIII. THE WOMEN OF JERUSALEM MOURN FOR OUR LORD.

O LOVING Saviour, we mourn for our sins because they caused thy sufferings. Make us to hate all that is evil.

IX. JESUS FALLS A THIRD TIME UNDER THE CROSS.

O LORD JESU, by the merits of this thy third most painful fall, pardon our frequent returns to sin ; may the thought of thy sufferings make us to hate our sins.

X. JESUS IS STRIPPED OF HIS GARMENTS.

O LORD JESU, strip us, we beseech thee, of all false shame, conceit, and pride, and make us so to humble ourselves in this life, that we may reign with thee for ever.

XI. JESUS IS NAILED TO THE CROSS.

O JESU ! nailed to the Cross, fasten our hearts there also, that sharing in thy sufferings we may see thy glory.

XII. JESUS DIES UPON THE CROSS.

O JESU ! dying on the Cross, we worship thee. In thy death we place all our hope for grace here and glory hereafter.

XIII. JESUS IS LAID IN THE ARMS OF HIS MOTHER.

O MARY, blessed Mother of our God, thou bearest in thine arms thine only Son, slain

for our sins. Pray for us, that, when we come to die, he may enfold us in his everlasting arms.

XIV. JESUS IS LAID IN THE SEPULCHRE.

O LORD JESU, thy body rests within the tomb. We, too, will keep our own bodies in temperance, soberness, and chastity ; that when thou comest to judge the world, they may be raised up like unto thy glorious Body. Grant that we who have traced this way of sorrows may be found ready to meet thee, whenever it shall please thee to call us hence.

PRAYER AFTER THE LAST STATION.

Ant. Christ for us became obedient unto death, even the death of the Cross.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY GOD, we beseech thee graciously to behold this thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the Cross ; Who now liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. ℟. Amen.

✠ May the Divine Assistance remain with us always. ℟. Amen.

PRAYERS IN COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED.

After the Prayers approved by the Ordinary have been said, if they have been recited before the Most Holy Sacrament, at the end, before the Hymn Therefore we before him bending, *are said the Prayers following :*

COLLECT.

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God: that, by the help of the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the souls of the faithful departed may obtain thy pardon, and we the bountiful gifts of thy grace and the rewards of everlasting life.

O GOD, the Creator and Redeemer of all them that believe : grant unto the souls of thy servants and handmaidens the remission of all their sins ; that as they have ever desired thy merciful pardon, so by the supplications of their brethren they may receive the same : Who livest and reignest for ever and ever. ℟. Amen.

DE PROFUNDIS.

Ps. 130.

OUT of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord : * Lord, hear my voice :

O let thine ears consider well * the voice of my complaint.

If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss : * O Lord, who may abide it ?

For there is mercy with thee : * therefore shalt thou be feared.

I look for the Lord ; my soul doth wait for him : * in his word is my trust ;

My soul fleeth unto the Lord * before the morning watch, I say, before the morning watch.

O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy,* and with him is plenteous redemption.

And he shall redeem Israel * from all his sins.

℣. Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.
℟. And let light perpetual shine upon them.
℣. From the gates of hell.
℟. Deliver their souls, O Lord.
℣. May they rest in peace.
℟. Amen.
℣. Lord, hear my prayer.
℟. And let my cry come unto thee.
℣. The Lord be with you.
℟. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray. COLLECT.

O GOD, the Creator and Redeemer of all them that believe : grant unto the souls of thy servants and handmaids the remission of all their sins ; that as they have ever desired thy merciful pardon, so by the supplications of their brethren they may receive the same. Who livest and reignest with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Ghost ever one God world without end. ℟. Amen.

℣. Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.
℟. And let light perpetual shine upon them.
℣. May they rest in peace.
℟. Amen.

OTHER PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD.

COLLECT.

ALMIGHTY GOD, with whom do live the spirits of them that depart hence in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful, after they are delivered from the burden of the flesh, are in joy and felicity : we give thee hearty thanks, for that it hath pleased thee to deliver this our *brother* out of the miseries of this sinful world ; beseeching thee, that it may please thee, of thy gracious goodness, shortly to accomplish the number of thine elect, and to hasten thy kingdom ; that we, with all those that are departed in the true faith of thy holy Name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in thy eternal and everlasting glory. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. ℟. Amen.

COLLECT.

O MERCIFUL GOD, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the resurrection and the life ; in whom whosoever believeth shall live, though he die ; and whosoever liveth, and believeth in him, shall not die eternally ; who also hath taught us, by his holy Apostle Saint Paul, not to be sorry, as men without hope, for them that sleep in him ; we meekly beseech thee, O Father, to raise us from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness ; that when we shall depart this life, we may rest in him, as our hope is this our *brother* doth ; and that at the general Resurrection in the last day, we may be found acceptable in thy sight ; and

receive that blessing, which thy well-beloved Son shall then pronounce to all that love and fear thee, saying : Come, ye blessed children of my Father, receive the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world : grant this, we beseech thee, O merciful Father, through Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Redeemer. ℟. Amen.

COLLECT.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, with whom do live the spirits of just men made perfect, after they are delivered from their earthly prisons : we humbly commend the souls of thy servants (*the soul of this thy servant, our dear brother*) into thy hands, as into the hands of a faithful Creator, and most merciful Saviour ; most humbly beseeching thee, that *they* may be precious in thy sight. Wash *them*, we pray thee, in the Blood of that immaculate Lamb, that was slain to take away the sins of the world ; that whatsoever defilements *they* may have contracted in the midst of this miserable and naughty world, through the lusts of the flesh, or the wiles of Satan, being purged and done away, *they* may be presented pure and without spot before thee. And teach us who survive in this and other like daily spectacles of mortality, to see how frail and uncertain our own condition is ; and so to number our days, that we may seriously apply our hearts to that holy and heavenly wisdom, whilst we live here, which may in the end bring us to life everlasting. Through the merits of Jesus Christ, thine only Son our Lord, ℟. Amen.

PRAYERS IN TIME OF TEMPEST.

Mass being ended, and the Most Holy Sacrament exposed, the Priest, after genuflecting on the lowest step of the Altar, says the Antiphon, which is also sung by the Choir, if the Prayers be chanted.

HELP us, O God of our salvation, and for the glory of thy Name deliver us, O Lord, and be merciful to our sins, for thy Name's sake.

℣. Our help is in the Name of the Lord. ℟. Who hath made heaven and earth.

℣. O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us. ℟. And grant us thy salvation.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who art wroth with them that sin against thee, and sparest them that are penitent : we beseech thee to hear the prayers of thy people that call upon thee ; that we, which have most justly deserved the scourges of thine anger, may by thy great mercy be delivered from the same. Through Christ our Lord. ℟. Amen.

℣. From lightning and tempest. ℟. Deliver us, O Lord Jesu Christ.

℣. O Lord, let thy mercy be shewed upon us. ℟. As we do put our trust in thee.

℣. O Lord, hear my prayer. ℟. And let my cry come unto thee.

℣. The Lord be with you. ℟. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O LORD, by whom alone thy household is defended against spiritual wickedness : mercifully grant that they may likewise be delivered from the malignity of the tempests of the air.

ALMIGHTY and merciful God, we beseech thee to spare us in our present terror, and have compassion on our supplications : that the violence of the fires of heaven and the raging of the storms being abated, we may ever glorify thee for our deliverance.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who dost amend us by thy chastisement, and preserve us by thy pardon : grant unto us thy humble servants to enjoy such tranquillity of weather, that we may henceforth rejoice in the bounty of thy comfort, and ever make use of the same unto thy honour and glory. Through Christ our Lord. ℟. Amen.

Then is sung or said the Hymn :

THEREFORE we before him bending, this great Sacrament revere :
Types and shadows have their ending, for the newer Rite is here :
Faith, our outward sense befriending, makes the inward vision clear.

Glory, let us give, and blessing, to the Father and the Son ;
Honour, might, and praise addressing, while eternal ages run:
Ever too his love confessing, who from both, with both, is one. Amen.

Meanwhile the Most Holy Sacrament is censed, if it be exposed in the monstrance.

℣. Thou gavest them bread from heaven. ℟. Containing in itself all sweetness.

In Eastertide and within the Octave of Corpus Christi is added Alleluia.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who in a wonderful Sacrament hast ordained unto us a memorial of thy Passion: grant us, we beseech thee, so to worship the sacred mysteries of thy Body and Blood ; that we may ever feel within ourselves the fruits of thy redemption : Who livest and reignest for ever and ever. ℟. Amen.

Afterward the Blessing is given with the Most Holy Sacrament.

¶ *Instead of the Prayers,* O Lord, by whom alone thy household is defended, etc., *may be said the following :*

Let us pray.

O LORD JESU CHRIST, who didst rebuke the winds and the sea, that there was a great calm : we beseech thee to hear the prayers of us thy family ; and by the sign of the holy Cross deliver us from all the violence of the tempest.

WE beseech thee, Almighty God : that, at the intercession of Blessed Mary, the Mother of God, and thy holy Angels, Patriarchs, Prophets, Martyrs, Confessors, Virgins, Widows, and all thy Saints, thou wouldest vouchsafe to us thy perpetual succour, grant us tranquillity of weather, and against the lightnings and tempests send down from on high thy protection upon us thy unworthy ser-

vants, that the powers of the air which ever strive against mankind may be broken by the right hand of thy majesty.

O GOD, who makest all things to serve thee, that even from the storms of heaven we may learn to glorify thy majesty : grant, we beseech thee, that the raging of the winds being abated we may abide in the tranquillity of thy mercy ; that we, who rightly fear thine anger, may rejoice in the comfort of thy loving-kindness. Through Christ our Lord. ℟. Amen.

The following Prayers are added according to the needs of the locality, or by order of the Ordinary, or at the discretion of the Curate or Rector of the Church.

TO ASK FOR RAIN.

To the Collect O God, who art wroth *is added, under one ending, the Collect :*

O GOD, our heavenly Father, in whom we live and move, and have our being : send us, we beseech thee, in this our necessity, such moderate rain and showers ; that we may receive the fruits of the earth, to our comfort and to thy honour. Through Christ our Lord.

Or this Collect.

GRANT us, O Lord, we pray thee, to enjoy a refreshing rain : that, by thy goodness, this present drought may be watered by the showers of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

TO ASK FOR FAIR WEATHER.

To the Collect O God, who art wroth *is added, under one ending, the Collect :*

O ALMIGHTY LORD GOD, we humbly beseech thee, that although we for our iniquities have worthily deserved a plague of rain and waters : yet upon our true repentance thou wilt send us such weather, as that we may receive the fruits of the earth in due season ; and learn both by thy punishment to amend our lives, and by thy clemency to give thee praise and glory. Through Christ our Lord.

Or this Collect.

ALMIGHTY GOD, we humbly beseech thy mercy: that thou wouldest assuage this plague of immoderate rains, and shew forth upon us the gladness of thy countenance. Through Christ our Lord.

IN ANY GRAVE NECESSITY.

The following is added as above under one ending :

COLLECT.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who wouldest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should turn from his wickedness and live : look down in mercy on thy people that turneth to thee with pure devotion; humbly beseeching thee, that by thy mercy we may be delivered from the scourge of thy wrath. Through Christ our Lord.

FOR PEACE.

Whenever the Prayers for the repelling of storms are accustomed to be said, and the Ordinary orders the Collect for Peace, in place of the Antiphon Help us *is said or sung the following Antiphon with ℣. and Collect :*

GIVE peace in our time, O Lord, because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

℣. Peace be within thy walls. ℟. And plenteousness within thy palaces.

℣. O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us. ℟. And grant us thy salvation.

Let us pray.

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give ; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness.

O GOD, who art wroth, *and the rest as above* (*page* 147).

IN TIME OF WAR.

Ant. Give peace, *and the rest as above, but in place of the Collect* O God, from whom all holy desires *is said the following Collect :*

Let us pray.

O GOD, who makest wars to cease, and by thine eternal might dost scatter the foes of them that put their trust in thee : assist, we pray thee, us thy servants that humbly call upon thy mercy ; that we, being delivered from the rage of our enemies, may evermore give thanks unto thee in thy holy Church.

EXPOSITION OF THE MOST HOLY SACRAMENT.

While the Most Holy Sacrament is being exposed, the Choir sings the beginning of the Hymn Of the glorious Body telling, *or the Sequence* Laud, O Sion, thy salvation, *or the verse* O saving Victim, *or one of the following verses :*

Adoro te devote.

O HIDDEN Godhead, here I worship kneeling
Thee, under figures dark thyself concealing :
Here lay before thee all my heart's submission,
All lost in wonder, gazing on thy vision.

Jesu, from thee a veil doth now divide me,
Yet be not that, for which I thirst, denied me :
To see thee face to face all veils asunder,
Blest by the vision of thy glory's wonder. Amen.

OR IN ADVENT.

Verbum supernum prodiens.

HIGH Word of God, who once did come,
Leaving thy Father and thy home,
To succour by thy birth our kind,
When, towards thine Advent, time declined.

Pour light upon us from above,
And fire our hearts with thy strong love,
That, as we hear thy Gospel read,
All fond desires may flee in dread.

FROM CHRISTMAS TO THE OCTAVE OF THE EPIPHANY.

A solis ortus cardine.

FROM east to west, from shore to shore,
Let every heart awake and sing
The holy Child whom Mary bore,
The Christ, the everlasting King.

All glory for this blessèd morn
To God the Father ever be;
All praise to thee, O Virgin-born,
All praise, O Holy Ghost, to thee. Amen.

IN LENT.

Jesu, medela vulnerum.

JESU, of all our wounds the cure,
Of penitents the only stay,
By all the tears that thou didst pour
We pray thee wash our sins away.

So dying to our old life's loss,
May we to newer life arise:
So following Christ, and through his Cross
May we attain Christ's glorious prize.

IN PASSIONTIDE.

Ave verum Corpus natum.

HAIL, true Body, born of Mary,
Spotless Virgin's virgin birth ;
Thou who truly hangedst weary,
On the Cross for sons of earth.

Thou, whose sacred Side was riven,
Whence the Water flowed and Blood,
O may'st thou, dear Lord, be given
At death's hour to be my food.

IN EASTERTIDE.

O vera coeli Victima.

MIGHTY Victim from on high,
Powers of hell beneath thee lie,
Death is broken in the fight,
Thou hast brought us life and light.

Pascal triumph, Pascal joy,
Only sin can this destroy;
From sin's death do thou set free
Souls reborn, dear Lord, in thee.

IN ASCENSIONTIDE.

Aeterne Rex altissime.

ETERNAL Monarch, King most high,
Whose Blood hath brought redemption nigh,
By whom the death of Death was wrought,
And conquering Grace's battle fought.

So, suppliants here, we seek to win
Thy pardon for thy people's sin,
That, by thine all-prevailing grace,
Uplifted, we may seek thy face.

AT PENTECOST.

O vera Christe caritas.

O CHRIST, true Charity, fulfil
Each holy heart to do thy will,
From all our guilt wash out the stain,
And give us our lost crowns again.

Do thou, O holy God, this day
Regard us, as we humbly pray,
And send us from thy heavenly seat
The blessings of the Paraclete.

Meanwhile the Priest, having exposed the Most Holy Sacrament, and set it upon the throne, standing before the lowest step, puts incense in the censer, saying nothing, and without blessing it; then, kneeling on the lowest step, he censes the Most Holy Eucharist with a triple swing, bowing his head profoundly before and afterwards.

ORDER OF REPOSITION OF THE MOST HOLY SACRAMENT.

The Office or the Prayers ended, the following Hymn is sung while the Priest kneels on the lowest step of the Altar:

HYMN.

Tantum ergo.

THEREFORE we, before him bending,
This great Sacrament revere:
Types and shadows have their ending,
For the newer rite is here,
Faith, our outward sense befriending,
Makes the inward vision clear.

Glory, let us give, and blessing,
To the Father and the Son,
Honour, might, and praise addressing,
While eternal ages run,
Ever too his love confessing,
Who, from both, with both, is one. Amen.

Meanwhile the Priest stands up and puts incense in the censer, and kneeling censes the Sacrament, as above. And the Hymn being ended is sung:

℣. Thou gavest them bread from heaven. ℟. Containing in itself all sweetness.

In Eastertide and within the Octave of Corpus Christi Alleluia *is added to the* ℣. *and* ℟.

Then the Priest stands and sings :

Let us pray.

O GOD, who in a wonderful Sacrament hast ordained unto us a memorial of thy passion: grant us, we beseech thee, so to worship the sacred mysteries of thy Body and Blood ; that we may ever feel within ourselves the fruits of thy redemption : Who livest and reignest for ever and ever. ℟. Amen.

And the Priest, having sung the Prayer, kneels on the lowest step and receives the humeral veil. Meanwhile the Deacon ascends the Altar, and having taken the monstrance down from the throne, he places it on the corporal and genuflects with the Subdeacon at the edge of the predella. And the Celebrant, turning towards the people, gives the blessing, while the sacred Ministers kneel and raise the fringes of his cope. And the blessing being given, the Celebrant places the monstrance on the Altar, and, after genuflecting, descends with the Subdeacon to the pavement, and the veil being removed from the shoulders of the Priest, they remain kneeling on the lowest step of the Altar, while the Deacon replaces the Most Holy Sacrament in the tabernacle. But if there be no Deacon, the Celebrant himself, after giving the Benediction, replaces it.

¶ *If it be not a Feast of the first or second class,*

or within the Octave of Corpus Christi, the ending of the first Prayer is omitted, and the two following Prayers are added :

O GOD, the pastor and governour of them that put their trust in thee, look down in mercy on thy servant *N.*, whom thou hast chosen to be pastor and ruler of thy Church : grant unto him, we beseech thee, to be in word and conversation a wholesome example to the people committed to his charge ; that he with them may attain at last to the crown of everlasting life.

O GOD, our refuge and strength, who art the author of all godliness : be ready, we beseech thee, to hear the devout prayers of thy Church ; and grant that those things which we ask faithfully we may obtain effectually. Through.

THE DIVINE PRAISES.

Which may be said at the close of Exposition.

Blessed be God.
Blessed be his holy Name.
Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man.
Blessed be the Name of Jesus.
Blessed be his Most Sacred Heart.
Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.
Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.
Blessed be her holy and immaculate Conception.
Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.
Blessed be God in his Angels and in his Saints.

CONCLUSION OF THE SOLEMN PRAYER OF THE FORTY HOURS, ACCORDING TO THE CLEMENTINE INSTRUCTION.

The Litany of All Saints is sung as far as the ℣. Lord, hear my prayer, *inclusive. Then the Celebrant puts incense into two thuribles, and having thrice censed the Most Holy Sacrament, he begins the Procession, in which all is done as below* (*page* 173). *And the Procession ended, the Hymn* Therefore we before him bending *is sung by the Cantors. Meanwhile the Celebrant censes the Most Holy Sacrament thrice; then he sings:*

℣. Thou gavest them bread from heaven. ℟. Containing in itself all sweetness.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who in a wonderful Sacrament hast ordained unto us a memorial of thy Passion: grant us, we beseech thee, so to worship the sacred mysteries of thy Body and Blood; that we may ever feel within ourselves the fruits of thy redemption.

O LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, we beseech thee to keep thy servants both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls: that by the glorious intercession of blessed Mary Ever-Virgin we may be delivered from our present sadness, and attain in the end to everlasting gladness.

In place of the Prayer O Lord God Almighty *is said, from Advent to Christmas:*

O GOD, who didst vouchsafe that thy Word should be made Flesh in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the message of an Angel : grant to us thy humble servants, that we, believing her to be indeed the Mother of God, may by her intercession find favour in thy sight.

From Christmas to Candlemas :

O GOD, who by the child-bearing of a pure Virgin hast bestowed upon all mankind the rewards of everlasting life : grant, we beseech thee; that we may know the succour of her intercession, through whom we have been found worthy to receive the author of all life, even Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord.

Afterwards :

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, we beseech thee to have compassion upon *N.*, our Pontiff, and by thy mercy govern him in the way of everlasting life : that, being endued with thy grace, he may ever seek those things that are pleasing unto thee, and with his whole strength perform the same.

O GOD, our refuge and strength, who art the author of all godliness : be ready, we beseech thee, to hear the devout prayers of thy Church; and grant that those things which we ask faithfully we may obtain effectually.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, in whose hand is the dominion of all kings and the governance of all kingdoms, look down in mercy and deliver all Christian peoples : that the nations of the Turks and heretics, which put their trust in the

might and deceit of their violence, may be confounded by the strength of thy right hand.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hast dominion both of the quick and of the dead, who likewise hast mercy upon all men, whom by reason of their faith and works thou hast foreknown : we commend unto thee all those for whom we now do offer our prayers, whether in this world they still be held in the bonds of the flesh, or being delivered therefrom have passed into that which is to come ; beseeching thee, that, at the intercession of all thy Saints, they may of thy bountiful goodness obtain the remission of all their sins. Through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God : world without end. ℟. Amen.

℣. O Lord, hear my prayer. ℟. And let my cry come unto thee.

℣. May the Almighty and merciful Lord graciously hear us. ℟. And evermore defend us. Amen.

℣. May the souls of the faithful through the mercy of God rest in peace.

℟. Amen.

Then he blesses the people with the Most Holy Sacrament, saying nothing.

VARIOUS PRAYERS.

If the following Prayers be said before the Most Holy Sacrament, it should be noted that they and the Verses which precede them cannot be said after the Hymn Therefore we before him bending, *but can be added to the Prayers which precede that Hymn.*

FOR THE CHIEF BISHOP.

℣. Let us pray for *N.*, our Chief Bishop. ℟. The Lord preserve him, and keep him alive, that he may be blessed upon the earth, and deliver not thou him into the will of his enemies.

COLLECT.

O GOD, the pastor and governour of them that put their trust in thee, look down in mercy on thy servant, *N.*, whom thou hast chosen to be pastor and ruler of thy Church : grant unto him, we beseech thee, to be in word and conversation a wholesome example to the people committed to his charge ; that he with them may attain at last to the crown of everlasting life.

Or else the Collect Almighty and everlasting God (*page* 163) *is said.*

FOR THE BISHOP.

℣. O God, save thy servant, *N.*, our Bishop. ℟. That putteth his trust in thee.

COLLECT.

O GOD, the pastor and governour of them that put their trust in thee, look down in mercy

on thy servant, *N.*, whom thou hast chosen to be pastor and ruler of the church of *N.* : grant unto him, we beseech thee, to be in word and conversation a wholesome example to the people committed to his charge ; that he with them may attain at last to the crown of everlasting life. Through Christ our Lord. ℟. Amen.

Or this Collect :

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who alone workest great marvels : send down upon thy servant, *N.*, our Bishop (*if he be present, is said :* upon this thy servant), and all congregations committed to his charge, the healthful spirit of thy grace ; and that he may truly please thee, pour upon him the continual dew of thy blessing. Through Christ our Lord. ℟. Amen.

FOR THE KING.

℣. O God, save thy servant, *N.*, our King. ℟. That putteth his trust in thee.

COLLECT.

ALMIGHTY GOD, whose kingdom is everlasting and power infinite : have mercy upon the whole Church, and so rule and govern the heart of thy chosen servant *N.*, our King and Governour, that he, knowing whose minister he is, may above all things seek thy honour and glory; and that we and all his subjects (duly considering whose authority he hath) may faithfully serve, honour, and humbly obey him, in thee, and for thee, according to thy blessed word and ordinance. Through Christ our Lord. ℟. Amen.

Or this Collect :

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, we are taught by thy holy Word, that the hearts of Kings are in thy rule and governance, and that thou dost dispose and turn them as it seemeth best to thy godly wisdom : we humbly beseech thee so to dispose and govern the heart of *N.*, thy servant, our King and Governour, that, in all his thoughts, words, and works, he may ever seek thy honour and glory, and study to preserve thy people committed to his charge, in wealth, peace, and godliness: Grant this, O merciful Father, for thy dear Son's sake, Jesus Christ our Lord. ℟. Amen.

FOR THE ROYAL FAMILY.

COLLECT.

ALMIGHTY GOD, the fountain of all goodness, we humbly beseech thee to bless our gracious Queen, *N.*, *N.*, the Queen Mother, *N.*, Prince of Wales, and all the Royal Family : endue them with thy holy Spirit, enrich them with thy heavenly grace, prosper them with all happiness, and bring them to thine everlasting kingdom. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. ℟. Amen.

FOR THE CLERGY AND PEOPLE.

COLLECT.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who alone workest great marvels : send down upon our Bishops, and Curates, and all Congregations committed to their charge the healthful Spirit of thy grace ; and that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant

this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. ℟. Amen.

FOR PARLIAMENT.

COLLECT.

MOST gracious God, we humbly beseech thee, as for this Kingdom in general, so especially for the High Court of Parliament, under our most religious and gracious King at this time assembled : that thou wouldest be pleased to direct and prosper all their consultations to the advancement of thy glory, the good of thy Church, the safety, honour, and welfare of our Sovereign and his Dominions ; that all things may be so ordered and settled by their endeavours, upon the best and surest foundations, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety, may be established among us for all generations. These and all other necessaries, for them, for us, and thy whole Church, we humbly beg in the Name and Mediation of Jesus Christ, our most blessed Lord and Saviour : Who liveth. ℟. Amen.

FOR THE NAVY.

O ETERNAL LORD GOD, who alone spreadest out the heavens, and rulest the raging of the sea ; who hast compassed the waters with bounds until day and night come to an end ; be pleased to receive into thy almighty and most gracious protection the persons of thy servants the sailors, and the Fleet in which they serve : preserve them from the dangers of the sea, and from the violence of the enemy ; that they may be a safeguard unto our most gracious Sovereign Lord, King *N.*, and his

dominions, and a security for such as pass on the seas upon their lawful occasions ; that the inhabitants of our Island may in peace and quietness serve thee our God ; and that they may return in safety to enjoy the blessings of the land, with the fruits of their labours, and with a thankful remembrance of thy mercies to praise and glorify thy holy Name. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. ℟. Amen.

¶ *The following Prayers may be added to the above or to other suitable Prayers, either at the Priest's discretion, or at the request of the Congregation.*

FOR THE CONGREGATION AND FAMILY.

COLLECT.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, at the intercession of blessed Mary Ever-Virgin to defend this thy family from all adversities: that they, devoutly serving thee with all their hearts, may by thy mercy be protected from all the assaults of their enemies. Through Christ our Lord. ℟. Amen.

FOR THE FAITHFUL *when they ask for Prayers.*

COLLECT.

O GOD, who by the grace of the Holy Spirit dost endue the hearts of thy faithful people with the most excellent gift of charity : we beseech thee to keep thy servants, for whom we implore thy mercy, both outwardly in their bodies and inwardly in their souls ; that they may love thee with all their hearts and with pure affection perform such things as are acceptable in thy sight. Through Christ our Lord. ℟. Amen.

FOR THE REUNION OF CHRISTENDOM.

COLLECT.

O GOD, who dost bring into the way of truth them that are gone astray, dost gather together them that are scattered abroad, and preserve them that thou hast gathered : we beseech thee, of thy mercy to pour out upon all Christian people thy grace of unity and concord ; that, all divisions being done away, they may be joined to the true Shepherd of thy Church and do thee worthy service. Through Christ our Lord. ℟. Amen.

Or this Collect.

O LORD JESU CHRIST, who saidst to thine Apostles : Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you : regard not our sins, but the faith of thy Church ; and grant her that peace and unity which is agreeable to thy will. Who livest and reignest God, world without end. ℟. Amen.

Or this Collect.

O GOD, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Saviour, the Prince of Peace : give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions. Take away all hatred and prejudice, and whatsoever else may hinder us from godly Union and Concord : that, as there is but one Body, and one Spirit, and one Hope of our Calling, one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of us all, so we may henceforth be all of one heart, and of one soul, united in one holy bond of Truth and Peace, of Faith and Charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify thee. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. ℟. Amen.

FOR A SICK PERSON.

COLLECT.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, the eternal salvation of them that put their trust in thee: hear us, we beseech thee, who implore thy mercy for thy servant in *his* sickness ; that being restored to health, *he* may give thanks unto thee in thy holy Church. Through Christ our Lord. ℟. Amen.

If for several persons the plural is used throughout, or else this Collect following :

COLLECT.

O GOD who art the only assistance of our mortal frailty : shew forth, we pray thee, upon thy servants in their sickness the might of thy succour ; that being delivered by the help of thy mercy they may be restored in safety to thy holy Church. Through Christ our Lord. ℟. Amen.

For a sick person on the point of death is said :

COLLECT.

ALMIGHTY, everliving God, maker of mankind, who dost correct those whom thou dost love, and chastise every one whom thou dost receive : we beseech thee to have mercy upon this thy servant visited with thine hand ; and to grant that *he* may take *his* sickness patiently, and recover *his* bodily health (if it be thy gracious will), and whensoever *his* soul shall depart from the body, it may be without spot presented unto thee. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. ℟. Amen.

FOR THOSE ABOUT TO BE ORDAINED.

COLLECT.

ALMIGHTY GOD, our heavenly Father, who hast purchased to thyself an universal Church by the precious Blood of thy dear Son : mercifully look upon the same, and at this time so guide and govern the minds of thy servants the Bishops and Pastors of thy flock, that they may lay hands suddenly on no man, but faithfully and wisely make choice of fit persons to serve in the sacred Ministry of thy Church. And to those which shall be ordained to any holy function give thy grace and heavenly benediction ; that both by their life and doctrine they may set forth thy glory, and set forward the salvation of all men. Through. ℟. Amen.

Or this :

COLLECT.

ALMIGHTY GOD, the giver of all good gifts, who of thy divine providence hast appointed divers Orders in thy Church : give thy grace, we humbly beseech thee, to all those who are to be called to any office and administration in the same; and so replenish them with the truth of thy doctrine, and endue them with innocency of life, that they may faithfully serve before thee, to the glory of thy great Name, and the benefit of thy holy Church. Through. ℟. Amen.

FOR ALL CONDITIONS OF MEN.

O GOD, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts

and conditions of men ; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially, we pray for the good estate of the Catholick Church ; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those, who are any ways afflicted, or distressed, in mind, body, or estate ; (*especially those for whom our prayers are desired,*) that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ his sake. ℟. Amen.

A PRAYER THAT MAY BE SAID AFTER ANY OF THE FORMER.

O GOD whose nature and property is ever to have mercy and to forgive, receive our humble petitions : and though we be tied and bound with the chain of our sins, yet let the pitifulness of thy great mercy loose us, for the honour of Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Advocate. ℟. Amen.

A GENERAL THANKSGIVING.

ALMIGHTY GOD, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all men ; (*particularly to those who desire now to offer up their praises and thanks-givings for thy late mercies vouchsafed unto them.*)

We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life ; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we shew forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives ; by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days ; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end. ℟. Amen.

OTHER COLLECTS.

ASSIST us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of thy servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation : that, among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by thy most gracious and ready help. Through.

O ALMIGHTY LORD, and everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern, both our hearts and bodies, in the ways of thy laws, and in the works of thy commandments : that, through thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul. Through.

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that the words, which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may through thy grace be

so grafted inwardly in our hearts : that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honour and praise of thy Name. Through.

PREVENT us, O Lord, in all our doings with thy most gracious favour, and further us with thy continual help : that, in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name, and finally by thy mercy obtain everlasting life. Through.

ALMIGHTY GOD, the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking : we beseech thee to have compassion upon our infirmities ; and those things, which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us for the worthiness of thy Son.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast promised to hear the petitions of them that ask in thy Son's Name : we beseech thee mercifully to incline thine ear to us that have made now our prayers and supplications unto thee ; and grant, that those things, which we have faithfully asked according to thy will, may effectually be obtained, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of thy glory. Through.

Other Prayers for various necessities will be found above (*page* 151).

PROCESSION WITH THE MOST HOLY SACRAMENT,

ACCORDING TO THE RITUAL.

The Celebrant should be vested in amice, alb, girdle, stole, and white cope (or cope of the colour used for the Office, if the procession takes place at the end of Mass or Vespers). Similarly the Deacon and Subdeacon are vested in Dalmatic and Tunicle (without maniples). And all being ready, the Celebrant puts incense in two thuribles without blessing it, and kneeling down, he receives one of the two thuribles, and thrice censes the Most Holy Sacrament, and then the humeral veil is put over his shoulders. Afterwards he ascends to the highest step of the Altar, and kneeling at the edge of the predella, he receives the Most Holy Sacrament which is handed to him by the Deacon; (or if there be no Deacon, the Celebrant genuflects, and receives the Most Holy Sacrament from the Altar), and holding it before his face, turns towards the people, and descends under the baldachino, accompanied by the Deacon and Subdeacon, who raise the fringes of his cope.

An Acolyte goes in front carrying the Cross on its pole, between two Ministers who carry candles. And all the Clerics who are present follow, vested in surplices, with lighted candles. And immediately in front of the canopy are two Ministers, who continually cense the Most Holy Sacrament. And while the Celebrant descends from the Altar, the Choir shall always sing the hymn Of the glorious Body telling, *and, according to the length of the Procession,* Let

old things pass away *or* High Word of God, who once did come ; *or* O Christ, our hope, our heart's desire *or* Eternal Monarch, King most high.

And the Procession being ended, the Most Holy Sacrament is replaced by the Deacon on the Altar, and the humeral veil being removed, the Choir sings :

HYMN.

Tantum ergo.

THEREFORE we, before him bending,
This great Sacrament revere :
Types and shadows have their ending,
For the newer rite is here,
Faith, our outward sense befriending,
Makes the inward vision clear.

Glory, let us give, and blessing,
To the Father and the Son,
Honour, might, and praise addressing,
While eternal ages run,
Ever too his love confessing,
Who, from both, with both, is one. Amen.

Meanwhile, incense being placed in one of the censers, without blessing it, the Most Holy Sacrament is censed with triple swing.

Afterward is sung :

℣. Thou gavest them bread from heaven. ℟. Containing in itself all sweetness.

In Eastertide and within the Octave of Corpus Christi, Alleluia *is added to the* ℣. *and* ℟.

The Priest standing, sings :

Let us pray.

O GOD who in a wonderful Sacrament hast ordained unto us a memorial of thy Passion : grant us, we beseech thee, so to worship the sacred mysteries of thy Body and Blood ; that we may ever feel within ourselves the fruits of thy redemption : Who livest and reignest for ever and ever. ℟. Amen.

Then the Celebrant receives the humeral veil, and after genuflecting on the predella, receives the monstrance from the Altar, and blesses the people with the Most Holy Sacrament, making the sign of the Cross once, and saying nothing. The Deacon and Subdeacon, kneeling at the edge of the predella, raise the front fringes of his cope. And the Celebrant, after giving the Benediction, lays aside the humeral veil, and remains kneeling on the lowest step of the Altar, while the Deacon reverently replaces the Most Holy Sacrament ; but if there be no Deacon, the Celebrant himself replaces it, after giving the Benediction.

PRAYERS AFTER LOW MASS.

The Priest on bended knees says thrice with the people :

Ave Maria.

HAIL MARY, full of grace, the Lord is with thee : blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Then the Anthem :

Salve Regina.

HAIL, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, hail, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us. And after this our exile, shew unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

℣. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

℟. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

O GOD, our refuge and our strength, look down in mercy on thy people who cry to thee : and by the intercession of the glorious and immaculate Virgin Mary, Mother of God, of Saint Joseph her Spouse, of thy blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and of all the Saints, in mercy and goodness hear our prayers for the conversion of sinners, and for the

liberty and exaltation of our holy Mother the Church. Through Christ our Lord. ℟. Amen.

This invocation is added :

HOLY MICHAEL ARCHANGEL, defend us in the day of battle : be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him ; we humbly pray : and do thou, Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust down to hell Satan and all wicked spirits, who wander through the world for the ruin of souls.

℟. Amen.

Then is said thrice :

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy upon us.

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH.

UNTO thee do we fly, O blessed Joseph, in the hour of tribulation, and while we implore the aid of thy most holy Spouse, we confidently pray for thy advocacy also. We beseech thee by the charity that united thee to the spotless Virgin, Mother of God, and by the father's love wherewith thou didst embrace the Child Jesus, we earnestly entreat thee, graciously to behold the heritage of Jesus Christ which he purchased with his own Blood, and in our necessities to succour us with thy powerful aid.

Defend, O wise Protector of the holy Family, the elect offspring of Jesus Christ ; deliver us, O most loving Father, from every stain of error and corruption ; mercifully assist us from heaven, O most mighty deliverer, in this our conflict with the powers of darkness ; and as once thou didst rescue the Child Jesus from peril of his life, so now do thou

defend the Church of God from the assaults of her enemies, and from all adversities ; cover each one of us with thy continual protection, that we, imitating thy example and being succoured by thy aid, may live in holiness and die in godliness, and thereby attain in heaven to everlasting felicity. ℟. Amen.

THE ANGELUS.

℣. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.
℟. And she conceived of the Holy Ghost.
Hail, Mary, *etc.*
℣. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
℟. Be it done unto me according to thy Word.
Hail Mary, *etc.*
℣. And the Word was made Flesh.
℟. And dwelt among us.
Hail Mary, *etc.*
℣. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.
℟. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray. COLLECT.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts : that as we have known the Incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an Angel, so by his Cross ✠ and Passion we may be brought unto the glory of his Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

In Eastertide, in place of the Angelus, is said the Anthem Regina coeli, *with its Collect, as above, page* 129.

THE ASPERGES.

¶ *The following order for the aspersion of holy water is to be observed on all Sundays before the principal Mass, even though it be not sung.*

Having blessed the water, the Priest who is going to celebrate, vested in a cope of the colour of the day, proceeds to the Altar. And there kneeling, even in Eastertide, with the ministers below the steps, he receives the aspersory from the Deacon, and first asperses the Altar thrice, then himself, and, standing up, the ministers, beginning the Antiphon Thou shalt purge me. *And the Quire continues :* O Lord, with hyssop, etc., *as below. Meanwhile the Celebrant asperses the Clergy, and then the people, saying with a low voice with the ministers the Psalm* Have mercy upon me, O God.

Antiphon. Thou shalt purge me,* O Lord, with hyssop, and I shall be clean : thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Ps. 51. Have mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness. ℣. Glory be to the Father. *And the Antiphon is repeated* : Thou shalt purge me.

¶ *This Antiphon is said after the manner prescribed in the aspersion of holy water on Sundays throughout the year : except upon Passion Sunday and upon Palm Sunday, when* Glory be to the Father *is not said, but after the Psalm* Have mercy, *the Antiphon* Thou shalt purge me *is immediately repeated.*

But in Eastertide, that is from Easter Sunday until Pentecost inclusively, is sung this Antiphon :

Antiphon : I beheld water* issuing from the right side of the temple, alleluia : and all to whom that water came were saved, and they shall say, alleluia, alleluia.

Ps. 118. O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious : because his mercy endureth for ever.

℣. Glory be to the Father.

Antiphon is repeated. I beheld water issuing.

¶ *On Trinity Sunday is resumed :* Thou shalt purge me, O Lord.

¶ *On the Feastdays of Easter and Pentecost, in places where there is a Baptismal Font, the aspersion is made with the water blessed the previous day in the Font for Baptism, and taken from it before the infusion of the Oil and Chrism.*

¶ *Having finished the Antiphon after the manner prescribed above, the Priest who has sprinkled the water, returning to the Altar, with joined hands, says* :

℣. O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

In Eastertide is added : Alleluia.

℟. And grant us thy salvation.

In Eastertide is added: Alleluia.

℣. Lord, hear my prayer.

℟. And let my cry come unto thee.

℣. The Lord be with you.

℟. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray. COLLECT.

O LORD holy, Father almighty, everlasting God, we beseech thee to hear us : and vouchsafe to send thy holy Angel from heaven, to guard and cherish, protect and visit, and evermore defend all that dwell in this dwelling-place. Through Christ our Lord. ℟. Amen.

THE CONFESSION.

ALMIGHTY GOD, the father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men ; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings ; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us ; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father ; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past ; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name ; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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